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OF

THE GRAND LODGE

OF THE

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OF THE

STATE OF INDIANA,

FROM THE CONVENTION WHICH MET FOR ITS ORGANIZATION, IN

1817,

UP TO, AND INCLUDING THE SESSION OF

1845.

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INTRODUCTION.

THERE can be but one question about the propriety of issuing such a volume as this. If the Grand Lodge and the members of the Craft in Indiana wish to preserve the record of their fathers' Masonic acts, this is the only way to accomplish it. All agree as to the importance of placing Masonic information within the reach of every Freemason; and what information is so important as the official transactions of the Grand Lodge? The members of to-day have here the opinions of the fathers, as well as a history of the organization of the Grand Lodge, the names of the noble Brethren who organized it, and the current transactions of the Body for the first twenty-eight years of its existence. The opinions and acts of the far-seeing and true-hearted men of the past, who had but the good of Masonry at heart, constitute landmarks for the present generation; and the volume which contains their transactions should be the study of those who are guiding the destinies of the Order now. They may have erred—may have been mistaken sometimes, and probably were; but, if so, when the error was discovered by the practical application of the rules, it was promptly corrected; and it is believed that few Grand Lodges in the country, with the experience of twenty-eight years, taking the times and circumstances into account, can present a better system of Masonic government than the Grand Lodge of Indiana could in 1845. It was twenty-eight years of experience gained; and that experience of the fathers is the inheritance of the children—the source of practical wisdom—of experimental knowledge.

The present volume has been prepared from the records of the Grand Lodge, and its official publications. Much care has been exercised, with a view to entire accuracy; and it is believed that no material errors will be found in the volume. The Grand Lodge has not a perfect record of its transactions; but after years of labor and much expense, the Publisher has succeeded in securing one entire copy of its proceedings,—the only one now extant. From this the present volume has been compiled.

It was long earnestly hoped that the Grand Lodge would order the republication of its early proceedings, and thus take the responsibility upon itself; but it was by many deemed better to leave the work to private enterprise. At the earnest request of leading members of the Order in Indiana, it has been undertaken—and accomplished: it is now presented to the members throughout the State for their approval and patronage. The work has not been got up as a speculation, nor with a view to profit; and the Publisher will be satisfied if, by prompt sales, he may receive a return of his expenditure, and a reasonable compensation for his labor. The volume, in its material and workmanship, will speak for itself.

This volume brings the Proceedings down to, and including 1845. Until that time, the Grand Lodge was the only Grand Masonic Body in the State: but a new era then commenced, by the organization, in that year, of the Grand Chapter, and since, of the Grand Council and Commandery. The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, up to the close of 1845, makes a volume of convenient size: Hereafter, when desirable, the work may be continued, embracing also the transactions of the other Grand Bodies, and thus completing a record of the Masonic history of the State.

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

GENERAL CONVENTION

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OF THE

STATE OF INDIANA.

HELD AT CORYDON, DECEMBER 3, A. D. 1817.

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At a general Convention of the representatives from the several Lodges of Ancient York Masons in the State of Indiana, at Corydon on the third day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and in the year of Light five thousand eight hundred and seventeen,—the following brethren appeared, to-wit:

From Vincennes Lodge, No. 15, *at Vincennes*—Brother G. W. Johnston.

From Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 44, *at Lawrenceburg*—Brother James Dill.

From Switzerland Lodge (*U. D. from the G. L. of Ky.*) *at Vevay*—Brother Hezekiah B. Hull.

From Rising Sun Lodge (*U. D. from the G. L. of Ky.*) *at Rising Sun*—Brother A. C. Pepper.

From Madison Union Lodge, No. 29, *at Madison*—Brother H. P. Thornton.

From Blazing Star Lodge, No. 36, *at Charlestown*—Brothers Joseph Bartholomew and John Miller.

From Brookville Harmony Lodge No. 41, (*U. D. from the G. L. of Ohio*) *at Brookville*—Brother Stephen C. Stevens.

From Salem Lodge, No. 43, *at Salem*—Brother Christopher Harrison.

From Pisgah Lodge, No. 45, *at Corydon*—Brother Davis Floyd.

Who severally produced satisfactory evidence of their appointment and authority, and thereupon Brother Alexander Buckner was unanimously called to the chair as President, and *Davis Floyd* was unanimously appointed Secretary. When, on motion, the Convention came to the following resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, That it is expedient and advisable that a Grand Lodge should be at this time formed in the State of Indiana.

And it being determined that the aforesaid resolution should be decided by ayes and noes, and that each Lodge should have one vote and no more, the votes were taken as follows, to-wit: Those in the affirmative were Vincennes, Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun, Switzerland, Madison Union, Blazing Star, and Salem. Those in the negative were Brookville Harmony, and Pisgah.

On motion, the Convention then came to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of four members be appointed to inform the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of Kentucky and Ohio, that a constitutional number of Chartered Lodges have determined in general Convention, to form a Grand Lodge in this State, and consequently will recede from their Mother Lodges so soon as a Grand Lodge is organized.

And Brothers G. W. Johnston, Alexander Buckner, Stephen C. Stevens and Davis Floyd were appointed that committee.

The Convention then came to the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the several subordinate Lodges here represented, do appoint one or more delegates, to meet at Madison on the second Monday in January next, for the purpose of opening a Grand Lodge for the State of Indiana; and that a communication be forwarded to the rest of the subordinate Lodges of this State unrepresented in this Convention, of the above determination.

The above resolution was decided by ayes and noes, as follows:

In the affirmative, Brookville Harmony, Lawrenceburg, Switzerland, Rising Sun, and Madison Union. Those in the negative were Vincennes, Salem, Pisgah, and Blazing Star.

The committee, appointed for that purpose, reported the following

Address to the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Ohio.

CORYDON, Indiana, Dec. 4th, A. L. 5817.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:—A meeting from five regularly chartered Lodges and others under dispensation in Indiana, has been holden at this place, and adopted the resolutions herein transmitted to you.

In adopting this measure, we have been actuated by a wish to promote the welfare of the Craft. It can not be new to, or unconsidered by the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Ohio, that the Lodges in this country under their jurisdiction, labor under many inconveniencies.

In the first place, we suppose the charity fund an important object in our Institution. The benefit of this fund can not be extended to any Brother or his family here.

It must also be observed, that the Lodges in this State can not conveniently be represented in the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Ohio, by their Masters and Wardens; and that the appointment of other representatives, is subject to great difficulties, from causes which are evident.

Another inconvenience, (not the least important in regard to Masonry,) is, that we can not expect the presence of either the Grand Master, or Visitor who may be appointed to inspect our work, and see that it is regularly and uniformly conducted.

The precedents of five or more chartered Lodges need not be referred to, as your M. W. Grand Lodges must be fully acquainted therewith.

While, however, we deem this measure necessary, we have yet determined that the usual contributions to the M. W. the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Ohio, shall be paid up, till the period of our separation; and thus proving our disposition to discharge in every respect, our duty to our Parent Lodge, we trust that they will credit the motives which lead us to separate.

Notwithstanding the separation, we will never forget that we are materials of the same Temple, nor cease to attach ourselves to our Brethren of Kentucky and Ohio, however remote we may be from their part of the great superstructure. No disgust, no disrespect to the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Ohio, has induced us to adopt this measure: necessity and the welfare of the Craft command it.

We shall, at every opportunity, be happy to communicate through our Grand Lodge with your M. W. Grand Lodge; and assure you we are

Your friends and Brothers,

G. W. Johnston,
Alexander Buckner.
Stephen C. Stevens.
Davis Floyd.

(Signed by order of the Convention,)

Resolved, That two copies of the foregoing address be immediately made out by Brother Secretary, signed by the committee, and by the Secretary forwarded to the respective Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Ohio.

GEN. W. JOHNSTON, Vincennes Lodge, No. 15.
S. C. STEVENS, Brookville Har. Lodge, No. 41.
ABEL C. PEPPER, Rising Sun Lodge, (U. D.)
CHRISTOPHER HARRISON, Salem Lodge, No. 48.
HENRY P. THORNTON, Madison U. Lodge, No. 29.
JOSEPH BARTHOLOMEW, } Blazing Star Lodge,
JOHN MILLER, } No. 36.
DAVIS FLOYD, Pisgah Lodge, No. 45
HEZEKIAH B. HULL, Switzerland Lodge, (U. D.)
JAMES DILL, Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 44.

D. Floyd, *Sec'y.* A. BUCKNER, *Pres't.*

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT MADISON, IND.—JAN. 12, A. D. 1818, A. L. 5818.

M. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *Grand Master.*

AT a Grand Communication of the subordinate Lodges of the State of Indiana, begun and held on Monday, the twelfth day of January, A. L. 5818, in the town of Madison, agreeably to a resolution of a convention of delegates from the subordinate Lodges of the State aforesaid, who convened at the town of Corydon, State aforesaid, on Monday the third day of December, A. L. 5817, for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of forming a Grand Lodge for the State of Indiana:

Brother ALEXANDER A. MEEK, of Union Lodge, No. 29, being the oldest Past Master present, was called to the Chair, and Bro. *William C. Keen*, of Switzerland Lodge, was appointed Secretary.

On motion, Bros. Buckner, Sullivan and Thornton were appointed a committee to inspect the credentials of the several delegates.

Brother *Thornton*, from the aforesaid committee, reported that the following members appeared to have been duly appointed as Representatives from their respective Lodges, to-wit:

From Rising Sun Lodge, (*U. D.*) —Nathaniel Jenkins.

From Union Lodge, No. 29—Alexander A. Meek, Jeremiah Sullivan, and Henry P. Thornton.

From Switzerland Lodge, (*U. D.*)—William C. Keen.

From Blazing Star Lodge, No. 36—Alexander C. Buckner, Isaac Howk, and Samuel C. Tate.

On motion,

Resolved That this Convention shall, in their deliberations, vote by Lodges, and that each Lodge represented have one vote and no more.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to make arrangements for the accommodation of the present convention.

Whereupon, Bro. Chairman appointed Bro. Henry C. Thornton in pursuance thereof.

On motion,

Resolved, That this convention adjourn, until six o'clock, P. M.

SIX O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the same members as before.

Brother *Henry P. Thornton*, from the committee appointed to inspect the credentials of the several delegates, reported:

That Brother John B. Rose, from Harmony Lodge, Brookville, working under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Jonathan Woodbury, from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 44, Benjamin V. Beckes, from Vincennes Lodge, No. 15, Marston G. Clark, from Melchizedeck Lodge, No. 43, and John Tipton and Reuben W. Nelson, from Pisgah Lodge, No. 45, appeared to be duly appointed from their respective Lodges.

Whereupon, they were introduced and took their seats accordingly as such.

On motion,

Resolved, That the chartered Lodges here represented, do now separate for a time from the Lodges under dispensation, and proceed immediately to organize a Grand Lodge for the State of Indiana.

Brother ALEXANDER A. MEEK, being the oldest Past Master present, was immediately called to the Chair. Whereupon he proceeded to appoint the following persons to serve as Grand Officers for the time being:—Brothers *Marston G. Clark*, W. Senior Grand Warden; *Alexander Buckner*, W. Junior Grand Warden; *John Tipton*, Treasurer; *William C. Keen*, Secretary; *Jeremiah Sullivan*, Grand Senior Deacon; *Jonathan Woodbury*, Grand Junior Deacon; *Samuel C. Tate*, Grand Tyler.

Visitors.—Brothers Joseph Bentley, from Switzerland Lodge, (U. D.), Vevay; Nathan M. Whittemore, Washington Lodge, No. 40, New York; Nicholas D. Grover, Copeland P. J. Arion, Alexander McCrosky, Moses Gray, Richard C. Talbott, John Pugh, John Sheets, and John Meek, of Union Lodge, No. 29; David Owen, late of Union Lodge.

On motion, the Most Worshipful Grand Master then appointed Brothers Buckner and Sullivan, a committee to examine attendant and visiting brethren.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *G. M.*

WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

FREE MASONS' HALL, Madison, Jan. 13, 1818.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock A. M.—Present,

M. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Grand Master.
" " MARSTON G. CLARK, Senior Grand Warden.
" " ALEXANDER BUCKNER, Junior Grand Warden.
" " JOHN TIPTON, Grand Treasurer.
" " WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" " REUBEN W. NELSON, Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
" " JONATHAN WOODBURY, Junior Grand Deacon.
" " SAMUEL C. TATE, Grand Tyler.

Past Masters.—John B. Rose, Harmony Lodge; William C. Keen, Switzerland Lodge; Richard C. Talbott, Abraham King, and John Meek, of Union Lodge; and Nathaniel Jenkins, of Rising Sun Lodge.

Representatives.—Vincennes Lodge, No. 15, Benjamin V. Beckes; Union, Lodge, No. 29, Jeremiah Sullivan and H. P. Thornton; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 36, S. C. Tate, A. Buckner and Isaac Howk; Melchisedeck Lodge, Marston G. Clark; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No, 44, Jonathan Woodbury; Pisgah Lodge, No. 45, Reuben W. Nelson and John Tipton.

Visitors.—William Carpenter and Joseph Bentley, of Switzerland Lodge; Alexander McCrosky, James L. White, Moses Gray, James Ross, N. D. Grover, C. P. J. Arion, Joshua Wilkinson, and George Leonard, of Union Lodge, No. 29.

The Grand Lodge was then opened, in the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now immediately proceed to elect Grand officers to serve until the next Grand Communication.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, and after a short time, from refreshment to labor again.

On motion,

Resolved, That the present election shall be held by written ballot, and that any member may nominate a Brother to fill the office then under consideration;—that candidates on the nomination shall retire when the ballots are preparing, but may be called in to vote previous to the votes being counted If, on the first ballot, no candidate shall have a majority of all the votes present, the candidate lowest on the poll shall be dropped, and a second and a third ballot taken, if necessary, until some one have a majority of all the votes present.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand officers: When, upon counting the several ballots, it appeared that a majority of the votes present were in favor of the following persons, to-wit:

M. W., ALEXANDER BUCKNER, Grand Master.
R. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Deputy Grand Master.
W., JOHN TIPTON, Senior Grand Warden.
" MARSTON G. CLARK, Junior Grand Warden.
" SAMUEL C. TATE, Grand Treasurer.
" HENRY P. THORNTON, Grand Secretary.
" JEREMIAH SULLIVAN, Grand Orator.
" ISAAC HOWK Grand Senior Deacon.
" JONATHAN WOODBURY, Grand Junior Deacon.
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Grand Pursuivant.
" ALEXANDER MCCROSKY, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Who were declared duly elected for the ensuing twelve months and until their successors be duly elected and installed.

Brother Solomon H. Gorham, Master Mason, of Harmony Lodge, No. 14, Danville, Vermont, entered and took his seat as a visitor.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, and after a space of one hour, to labor again.

All the Brethren but Past Masters having retired, the Masters' Lodge was closed, and the Grand Lodge was opened in the Past Masters' degree. Brother ALEXANDER BUCKNER was installed Most Worshipful Grand Master, in ample form, and received the customary salutations and congratulations. Brother ALEXANDER A. MEEK was then installed Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, in ample form, and received the customary salutations and congratulations. The Past Masters' Lodge was then closed, and a Masters' Lodge opened.

Brother *John Tipton* was installed Worshipful Senior Grand Warden; and Brother *Marston G. Clark* was installed Worshipful Junior Grand Warden; who severally received the salutations and congratulations of the Brethren.

The other Grand Officers elect were then severally introduced and installed, and after receiving their charges and emblems of office, took their seats.

Benjamin V. Beckes, representative from Vincennes Lodge, No. 15; Jeremiah Sullivan and Henry P. Thornton, representatives from Union Lodge, No. 29; Samuel C. Tate, Alexander Buckner and Isaac Howk, from Blazing Star Lodge, No. 36; Marston G. Clark, from Melchisedeck Lodge, No. 43; Jonathan Woodbury, from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 44; and Reuben W. Nelson and John Tipton, from Pisgah Lodge, No. 45, came forward and surrendered the charters they received from, and held under the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and prayed to have Charters granted to their respective Lodges by the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge form a procession, and repair to some convenient place, on to-morrow at two o'clock, P. M., to hear a sermon from the Most Reverend Grand Chaplain (Brother Nathaniel Jenkins) of this Grand Lodge.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed to draft and report, as speedily as possible, a set of By-Laws for the government of this Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, Brothers Jeremiah Sullivan, Isaac Howk and Reuben W. Nelson were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The Grand Lodge was then closed, according to ancient form, in harmony and love, at nine o'clock, P. M.

A. BUCKNER, *G. M.*

HENRY P. THORNTON, *G. Sec'y.*

HALL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,
Madison, Ind., January 14, 1818.

The Grand Lodge met according to adjournment, and was opened in the third degree of Masonry, in ancient form.—Present,

M. W., ALEXANDER BUCKNER, Grand Master.
R. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Deputy Grand Master.
W., JOHN TIPTON, Senior Grand Warden.
" MARSTON G. CLARK, Junior Grand Warden.
" SAMUEL C. TATE, Grand Treasurer.
" HENRY P. THORNTON, Grand Secretary.
" JEREMIAH SULLIVAN, Grand Orator.
" NATHANIEL JENKINS, Grand Chaplain.
" JONATHAN WOODBURY, Senior Grand Deacon.
" ISAAC HOWK, Junior Grand Deacon.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Marshal.
" REUBEN W. NELSON, Grand Sword Bearer.
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Grand Pursuivant.
" ALEXANDER MCCROSKY, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Benjamin V. Beckes; Union Lodge, No. 2, A. A. Meek, J. Sullivan and Henry P. Thornton; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, Samuel C. Tate and Isaac Howk; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Jonathan Woodbury; Melchizedeck Lodge, No. 5, Marston G. Clark; Pisgah Lodge, No. 6, John Tipton and Reuben W. Nelson.

Visitors.—James L. White, James Ross, John Meek and Richard C. Talbott, of Union Lodge, No. 2; John B. Rose, of Brookville Harmony Lodge, No. 41 (U. D.); Nathan M. Whittemore, late of Washington Lodge, New York; Joseph Bentley and William Carpenter, of Switzerland Lodge, (U. D.); Levi McCrosky, late of Columbia Lodge, No. 27, Kentucky.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Brethren who are present and who represent unchartered Lodges in this State, be by courtesy permitted to take a part in the deliberations of this Grand Lodge, until otherwise ordered.

Which resolution was amended, on motion of *Reuben W. Nelson*, by adding the following words, to-wit: "but that it be understood, that this courtesy extend only to the right of debating, but not to the right of voting." And said resolution and amendment were referred to the Grand Committee.

Brother *Reuben W. Nelson*, from the committee appointed for the drafting and reporting rules and by-laws for the government of this Grand Lodge, reported the same which he handed in at the Secretary's table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the By-Laws, reported by the committee, be referred to the Grand Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge be now closed, to meet again this afternoon at four o'clock, and in Grand Committee at eleven o'clock this morning.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned.

ALEXANDER BUCKNER, *G. M.*

HENRY P. THORNTON, *G. Sec'y.*

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met in Grand Committee, at eleven o'clock, A. M. ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Chairman, and *William C. Keen*, Clerk.

Resolved, That the Grand Committee do, in their opinion, deem the resolution granting permission to the representatives of unchartered Lodges in this State to take a part in the deliberations of this Grand Lodge by courtesy, to be inexpedient and unnecessary, and do recommend a rejection thereof.

The Grand Committee then rose.

ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *Chairman.*

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.

The Chairman of the Grand Committee reported:

That said Committee have had under consideration the resolution referred to them, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That it is deemed unnecessary and inexpedient to grant to the representatives of Lodges under dispensation, permission by courtesy to take a part in the deliberations of this Grand Lodge.

Brother S. H. Gorham, late of Harmony Lodge, No. 14, Vermont; Robert Cravens, C. P. J. Arion, Abraham King, George W. Leonard, George W. Powers, John Beek, James Ross and Thomas Douglas, of Union Lodge, No. 2; Levi McCrosky, late of Columbia Lodge, No. 27, Kentucky, and Samuel Low, late of Montgomery Lodge, No. 27, New York, entered as visitors.

The Right Worshipful Alexander A. Meek, Deputy Grand Master, entered and took his seat.

The Grand Lodge, in pursuance of the resolution entered into on yesterday, formed a procession.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor for two hours. The procession then proceeded to the Methodist Episcopal Church, received an appropriate address from the M. Rev. Grand Chaplain, and returned again to the Lodge. The Grand Lodge was then called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until six o'clock P. M.; and to meet in Grand Committee immediately.

The Grand Lodge met in Grand Committee. Brother ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Chairman, and Brother *Henry P. Thornton*, Clerk.

The By-Laws, reported this morning to the Grand Lodge for the government thereof, were taken up, and read by sections; and after sundry amendments being made thereto, were agreed to by the Grand Committee.

The Committee then rose.

ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *Chairman.*

Henry P. Thornton, Clerk.

SIX O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.

The Chairman of the Grand Committee made report:

That the Grand Committee have had under consideration a code of by-laws for the government of the Grand Lodge; to which they had made sundry amendments which were handed to the Grand Secretary; to which they request the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, and ask leave to sit again.

The By-Laws were then taken up, and adopted as follows, to-wit:

CONSTITUTION

Of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, adopted in Grand Lodge, at Madison, on the 14th day of January, A. L. 5818.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, the officers of not less than five subordinate chartered Lodges and representatives of said Lodges; which Lodges are permitted to appoint proxies who must be Master Masons and members of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, which appointment must be certified by the Secretary of said Lodge with its seal annexed.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be, and rank as follows, to-wit: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Worshipful Junior Grand War-

den, Most Reverend Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Marshal, Grand Sword Bearer, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Pursuivant, Grand Steward, and Grand Tyler; who shall be elected annually, by written ballots, to be collected by the Senior Grand Deacon from among the working members of the subordinate Lodges; *Provided*, That no member be thereby raised to a higher degree than he may have attained in his proper Lodge, and who shall be duly installed. No officer elect shall act as such until after installation.

Sec. 3. Elections, and all matters of controversy, shall be determined by a majority of votes, the Grand Master or officer presiding having one vote, and in cases of equal division, two; the Deputy Grand Master, one; the Grand Wardens jointly, one; the Past Grand Officers and Past Masters collectively, one; and each Lodge represented, one; but no Brother can vote in a double capacity.

Sec. 4. The votes shall be taken as the voters shall be called by the Grand Secretary, who shall observe rank and seniority, commencing with the Most Worshipful Grand Master. If any irregularity occurs, the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall order a new election; and if any member is convicted of willfully creating any such irregularity, he shall be forever suspended from his seat in the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 5. The Grand Lodge shall hold a Grand Communication on the second Monday in September in each year, when the members shall punctually attend, and the Lodge shall be opened with all Masonic solemnity; and, after the proceedings of the last Grand Communication have been read, the following committees shall be appointed and shall continue for the several special purposes only during the session of the Grand Lodge: 1st. A committee of three members, deputies from three different subordinate Lodges, to examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and receipts of the Grand Charity fund, and report a statement thereof; and also ascertain the expenses of the Grand Communication. 2d. A committee of three members, to hear and examine grievances, and make due report thereof to the Grand Lodge. 3d. A committee of two members, to examine attendant and visiting Brethren, admitting none but of the Master Masons' degree.

Sec. 6. The Grand Lodge shall receive appeals, redress grievances and settle complaints of the subordinate Lodges, grant warrants, authorize new Lodges to work, reprehend mal-conduct in the subordinate Lodges or their members, relieve distressed Brethren and their widows and children, assess reasonable contributions for the Charity Fund or other exigences, devise and design plans, problems and positions for the subordinate Lodges to execute, and hold such correspondence with other Grand Lodges as they shall deem expedient to advance the good of the Fraternity.

Sec. 7. During the vacation of the Grand Lodge, every Grand Officer

in proportion to his superiority, shall have special care of the subordinate Lodges; directing their plans, problems and positions to be executed, agreeably to the ancient land marks, usages and customs of the Sublime Order of Free and Accepted Masonry.

Sec. 8. The Most Worshipful Grand Master has the power to convene the Grand Lodge on emergency; to command the advice and assistance at any time, to any or all of the subordinate officers, on the business of the Craft; and in case of emergency, vacancy by death or refusal to serve in Grand Offices, to nominate, appoint and install other Brethren to fill such vacancies; and during the recess of the Grand Lodge, to grant Dispensations at his discretion. But the Most Worshipful Grand Master can not make or second a motion.

Sec. 9. In the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master is invested with his powers and privileges, and liable to like disability; and in case of the death or refusal to serve or install during the period for which he was elected, the powers and privileges of Grand Master shall devolve upon and become the right of the following Brethren, in order as follows: 1st, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master; 2d, the W. Senior Grand Warden; 3d, the W. Junior Grand Warden; 4th, the Past Grand Officers, according to rank and seniority; 5th, the presiding Masters of subordinate Lodges, according to rank; 6th, the Past Masters, according to rank and seniority.

Sec. 10. The Most Worshipful Grand Master must install his Deputy; but may deputize to install the other Grand Officers, and any officer of a subordinate Lodge.

Sec. 11. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, or president *pro tem.*, shall sign the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, when properly prepared and read by the Grand Secretary and agreed to by a majority of the Brethren present.

Sec. 12. The Most Reverend Grand Chaplain shall say prayers at the opening and closing of every Grand Lodge, and shall prepare and preach suitable sermons, on such occasions as shall be directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Sec. 13. The Grand Secretary shall keep a fair, true and regular registry, in proper books, of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; which, after they have been duly ratified and signed, he shall file among the records of the Grand Lodge. He shall also authenticate all warrants, certificates or other instruments, by affixing the seal of the Grand Lodge and attesting by his signature; he shall keep all the books, records, papers, seal, etc., the property of the Grand Lodge, and shall deliver them up on their requisition; he shall attend, personally or by his agent, who must be a member of the Grand Lodge, with his books and papers, etc., on every assembly; he shall procure all the books and stationery for the Grand Lodge, draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount, who is hereby author-

ized to answer such draft; he shall be entitled to the following fees as compensation for his services: 1st, he shall be paid by the Grand Lodge six and a fourth cents for every hundred words which is actually and necessarily written for their use, and by their directions; 2d, he shall be paid by parties employing him for copying from the records, files and proceedings of the Grand Lodge or other writings, ten cents for every hundred words, he finding for that purpose his own stationery; 3d, he shall be paid by those employing him, one dollar for affixing his seal of office to any instrument of writing whatever, except it be for a Warrant or Dispensation; but the Grand Secretary shall not be entitled to a fee for affixing his seal of office to any instrument of writing or record for the use of the Grand Lodge, such as particular summonses, copies of proceedings sent to foreign Grand Lodges, etc.

Sec. 14. The Grand Secretary shall always, so far as he is possessed of the proper documents, have his books completed and ready to produce to every Grand Communication.

Sec. 15. The Grand Treasurer shall account to the Grand Lodge for all moneys received by him; nor shall he pay out any moneys without the order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, or of the Grand Charity Stewards, except as already provided; and shall, on the first day of each Communication, lay a statement of his accounts before the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 16. Any Grand Officer withdrawing himself during his appointment as such, from the subordinate Lodge to which he belonged at the time of his election, shall vacate his seat in the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 17. The Grand Charity Fund shall be subject to such applications as the Grand Charity Stewards may direct.

Sec. 18. Four Brothers, members of the Grand Lodge, together with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, duly elected, shall be the Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund; three of whom shall constitute a quorum. Their duty shall be, to superintend and apply all the said funds of the Grand Lodge with care and economy; and they are authorized to draw orders on the Grand Treasurer, to make report in writing during the last twelve months, and to solicit the advice of the Grand Lodge in cases of doubt and intricacy.

Sec. 19. Subordinate Lodges which shall not be represented for two successive Grand Communications, or who shall be in arrears to the Grand Lodge for two years, shall be suspended from all the privileges of the Order, until they shall comply with both those requisitions; and, upon an order from the Grand Lodge to that effect, at a time to be specified therein, shall be finally stricken off the list of Lodges and have their Charter withdrawn; due notice of which order to be communicated to them by the Grand Secretary for the time being.

Sec. 20. Every subordinate Lodge shall hereafter be accountable for, and is hereby directed to pay the Grand Treasurer, on account of the

Grand Lodge, every twelve months, one dollar for each Mason initiated during the preceding twelve months; and for every member of each subordinate Lodge, fifty cents.

Sec. 21. No subordinate Lodge shall confer the degree of Past Master, unless on those who have been elected to fill the Chair; and no Past Master, who may have taken that degree only as preparatory to higher degrees, shall be considered a member of this Lodge by virtue thereof.

Sec. 22. Every association of Masons who may hereafter be permitted to receive a Charter to authorize them to work as a regular Lodge of Masons shall, for the same, pay to the Grand Charity Fund thirty dollars before the said Charter is issued, and a fee to the Grand Secretary for engrossing and affixing the seal of office, parchment and recording, of six dollars. And every association of Masons who may be permitted to receive a Dispensation to work as a Lodge of Masons, shall pay into the Grand Charity Fund five dollars, and three dollars to the Grand Secretary; *Provided, however*, That this article shall not apply to any Lodge which may now surrender, or hereafter surrender their Charters held of other Grand Lodges, to this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for the purpose of becoming subordinate thereto.

Sec. 23. Every member of the Grand Lodge, and every member of subordinate Lodges, shall pay due respect and submission to the respective officers and Masons—to live in peace and harmony and love with all mankind—to despise hatred, malice and calumny—to practice universal charity and benevolence—to avoid, as much as possible, all law-suits—to submit all differences, except such as relate to real and personal property, to be reconciled by the several Lodges to which they belong, or by the Grand Lodge; and every Freemason is always enjoined to avoid distressing a Brother or cowen as a Mason, unless in private, or in open Lodge under the penalty of a severe reprimand.

Sec. 24. No By-Laws shall be altered, annulled or adopted, until a proposition shall have been introduced in open Lodge, seconded, and remain one whole vacation.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now proceed to grant Charters to the subordinate Lodges who have surrendered, in Grand Lodge, their respective Charters, and that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge do make out and prepare blank Charters, against to-morrow morning, in pursuance of said resolution.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following committees, to-wit:

Brothers *Howk*, *Sullivan* and *Beckes*, a Committee of Accounts.

Brothers *Tate* and *Woodbury*, a Committee to examine attendant and visiting Brethren.

Brothers *Clark*, *Tipton* and *Nelson*, a Committee of Grievances.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be instructed to have one hundred copies of the By-Laws and proceedings of this Grand Lodge printed, in separate pamphlets, for the use of the same, and be moreover instructed to forward, by mail, three copies of each to the several Lodges of this State, and one copy of each to the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Ohio; and that he retain the balance of those copies in his hands, subject to the future disposition of this Grand Lodge.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to devise and procure a seal for the use of this Grand Lodge, and that they report on to-morrow morning; and that Brothers Thornton and Nelson be that committee.

The Grand Lodge was then closed, at nine o'clock, according to ancient form, to meet again to-morrow morning at eight o'clock, in harmony and love. A. BUCKNER, *G. Master.*

HENRY P. THORNTON, *G. Sec'y.*

HALL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,
Madison, January 15, 1818.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to order, and was opened on the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.—Present,

M. W., ALEXANDER BUCKNER, Grand Master.
R. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Deputy Grand Master
W., JOHN TIPTON, Senior Grand Warden.
" MARSTON G. CLARK, Junior Grand Warden.
" SAMUEL C. TATE, Grand Treasurer.
" HENRY P. THORNTON, Grand Secretary.
" JEREMIAH SULLIVAN, Grand Orator.
" NATHANIEL JENKINS, Grand Chaplain.
" JONATHAN WOODBURY, Senior Grand Deacon.
" ISAAC HOWK, Junior Grand Deacon.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Marshal.
" REUBEN W. NELSON, Grand Sword Bearer.
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Grand Pursuivant.
" ALEXANDER MCCROSKY, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Benjamin V. Beckes; Union Lodge, No. 2, Jeremiah Sullivan; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, Samuel C. Tate and Isaac Howk; Melchizedeck Lodge, No. 5, Marston G. Clark; Lawrenceburg Lodge No. 4, Jonathan Woodbury; Pisgah Lodge, No. 6, John Tipton and Reuben W. Nelson.

Visitors.—Joseph Bentley, of Switzerland Lodge, Vevay, Ind. (U. D.); Robert Cravens, John Pugh, George W. Leonard, James Ross and Joshua Wilkinson, of Union Lodge, No. 2, Indiana; Nathan M. Whittemore, of Washington Lodge, New York.

Past Masters.—John Meek and Richard C. Talbott, of Union Lodge, No. 2.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be instructed to use the seal of Madison Union Lodge, until the seal adopted for the use of this Grand Lodge be procured.

Brother John B. Rose, of Brookville Harmony Lodge, (U. D.), entered and took his seat.

Brother *Reuben W. Nelson*, from the committee to devise and procure a seal for the use of this Grand Lodge, made the following report, to-wit:

That they recommend a seal of two inches in diameter, and on the periphery of the plane to be inscribed "THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA," the plane to be ornamented with two engraved Masonic pillars, of the Ionic Order, elevated on a platform ascended by three steps, with Corinthian capitals, and surmounted by an arch, in the curve of which, "*Sit lux et lux fuit*," to be inscribed; suspended from the center of this arch, the square, level and plumb; in the back ground, a rising Sun; and between the pedestals, an anchor a-foul.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Illustrations of Masonry, published by Brother THOMAS S. WEBB, be adopted for the Government of this Grand Lodge, and that they be recommended to be adopted by all the subordinate Lodges of this State for the government of the same.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, for thirty minutes, and then to labor again.

Brother Abraham King, Past Master of Union Lodge, No. 2, entered and took his seat.

The representatives from the following Lodges, having surrendered the Charters which they held from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, came forward and received Charters from this Grand Lodge, to-wit:

Vincennes Lodge, No. 1.—First Worshipful Master, first Senior Warden, first Junior Warden.

Union Lodge, No. 2.—First Worshipful Master, first Senior Warden, first Junior Warden.

Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3.—First Worshipful Master, first Senior Warden, first Junior Warden.

Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4.—First Worshipful Master, first Senior Warden, first Junior Warden.

Pisgah Lodge, No. 5.—First Worshipful Master, first Senior Warden, first Junior Warden.

The representative from Melchizedeck Lodge, on behalf of said Lodge, surrendered its Charter, and declined to receive a Charter from this Grand Lodge.

On motion,

Resolved, That the site of this Grand Lodge be located at Charlestown, Clark county, until regularly changed agreeably to the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be entitled to receive, out of the funds of this Grand Lodge, the sum of ten dollars, for making out and affixing seals to the Charters granted by this Grand Lodge to the several subordinate Lodges within this State.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, for one hour, and then to labor again.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now proceed to the election of a Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, in the place of Brother Marston G. Clark, who has forfeited his seat in the Grand Lodge of Indiana, by surrendering the Charter of Melchizedeck Lodge.

Upon taking a ballot, it appeared that Brother *Benjamin V. Beckes* was duly elected.

Brother *Jeremiah Sullivan*, from the Committee on Accounts, made the following report:

The Standing Committee on Accounts, whose duty it is to examine into and report on the expenditures of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report: That the Grand Convention, which convened at Corydon on the 3d ult., incurred the necessary expense of ten dollars, for printing the Proceedings of said convention.

Expenses of Convention at Corydon, ...	$10 00
That, at the present meeting of this Grand Lodge, the Steward's bill for refreshments, etc, amounts to.....	22 62½
To the Grand Secretary, for affixing seals to Charters, ...	10 00
To the Grand Tyler, for his services during the present session of the Grand Lodge,.....	10 00
	$52 62½

For the purpose of meeting those expenditures, the committee recommend, that as there are no funds in the Grand Treasury, the representatives from each of the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge pay forthwith into the hands of the Grand Treasurer, the sum of fifteen dollars, to be credited in and deducted from their dues at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

JEREMIAH SULLIVAN,
ISAAC HOWK,
BENJAMIN V. BECKES, } Committee.

Which report was unanimously agreed to.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge proceed to the installation of the Worshipful Junior Grand Warden elect.

When all the Brethren below the degree of Past Master were desired to retire; Brother Benjamin V. Beckes, the Worshipful Junior Grand Warden elect was then installed as Worshipful Junior Grand Warden. The Past Masters' Lodge was then closed, and a Masters' Lodge opened; and the Brethren who had previously retired, again entered and took their seats.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare and forward an address to the several Grand Lodges within the United States, from this Grand Lodge, explanatory of their reasons for forming a Grand Lodge in the State of Indiana, and requesting of them a reciprocation of correspondence and communications.

Brothers Jeremiah Sullivan, Alexander A. Meek and Henry P. Thornton were appointed for that purpose.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn, to meet again on the second Monday in September next ensuing, at Masons' Hall, in Charlestown, Clark county, Indiana.

The Grand Lodge was then closed, in harmony and love, in ancient form.

Attest: A. BUCKNER, *G. Master.*

H. P. THORNTON, *G. Sec'y.*

HALL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,
Charlestown, September 14, 1818.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana convened, agreeably to directions of the fifth Article of the Constitution.—Present,

M. W., ALEXANDER BUCKNER, Grand Master.
R. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Deputy Grand Master.
W., JOHN MILLER, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" DAVIS FLOYD, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" SAMUEL C. TATE, Grand Treasurer.
" HENRY P. THORNTON, Grand Secretary.
" JONATHAN WOODBURY, Senior Grand Deacon.
" ISAAC HOWK, Junior Grand Deacon.
" REUBEN W. NELSON, Grand Sword Bearer.
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Grand Pursuivant.
" ALEXANDER MCCROSKY, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Past Masters.—Richard C. Talbott, from Union Lodge, No. 2; Joseph Bartholomew and Henry L. Miner, of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, Indiana.

Representatives.—From Union Lodge, No. 2, Nicholas D. Grover and Alexander Lanier; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, John Weathers and George Leas; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Jonathan Woodbury; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, John W. Dunbar.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana was opened, in the third degree of Masonry, in ancient form; and the proceedings of the last communication read.

Brothers William Booen and Charles Afflick, of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3; John Sheets, of Union Lodge, No. 2; and Abel C. Pepper, of Rising Sun Lodge, entered as visitors.

Brothers John N. Dunbar, Abel C. Pepper and John Weathers, were appointed a Committee on Accounts.

Brothers Davis Floyd, Henry L. Miner and Jonathan Woodbury, were appointed a Committee on Grievances.

Brothers George Leas and Reuben W. Nelson, were appointed a committee to examine attendant and visiting Brethren.

A petition was presented and read, from a number of Brethren residing at the town of Rising Sun, in the State of Indiana, praying for a Warrant

authorizing them to work as a regular Lodge, recommended by the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky, under whose jurisdiction they had lately worked. Whereupon,

Resolved, That a Charter do issue, authorizing a Lodge to be held at the town of Rising Sun, in the State of Indiana, to be known by the name of *Rising Sun Lodge*, No. 6; that Abel C. Pepper be the first Master, Matthew Haines the Senior Warden, and Benjamin Gest the Junior Warden.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for one hour; after which, called to labor again.

On motion,

Ordered, That the returns from the subordinate Lodges be referred to the Grand Committee.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at eight o'clock; and to meet in Grand Committee at four o'clock this afternoon.

A. BUCKNER, *G. Master.*

HENRY P. THORNTON, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, September 15, 1818.

The Grand Lodge convened, agreeably to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M.—Present,

M. W., ALEXANDER BUCKNER, Grand Master.
R. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Deputy Grand Master.
W., JOHN TIPTON, Senior Grand Warden.
" DAVIS FLOYD, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" ABEL C. PEPPER, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" HENRY P. THORNTON, Grand Secretary.
" JONATHAN WOODBURY, Senior Grand Deacon.
" ISAAC HOWK, Junior Grand Deacon.
" REUBEN W. NELSON, Grand Sword Bearer.
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Grand Pursuivant.
" ALEXANDER MCCROSKY, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Past Masters.—Joseph Bartholomew and Davis Floyd.

Representatives.—From Union Lodge, No. 2, N. D. Grover, A. C. Lanier and Thomas Douglas; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, John Weathers and George Leas; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Jonathan Woodbury; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, John N. Dunbar; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Abel C. Pepper.

Visitors.—Francis Taylor, of Fortitude Lodge, No. 47, Kentucky, and John Sheets, of Union Lodge, No. 2.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

Brother R. W., *Alexander A. Meek*, D. G. M. and Chairman of the Grand Committee, made the following report, to-wit:

That the Grand Committee have had the Returns of Lodges, Nos. 2, 4 and 5, under consideration; and that they do recommend the same to be received and approved by this Grand Lodge. That the Grand Committee have not fully disposed of all the business before them; therefore, they ask leave to sit again.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Returns of Lodges, Nos. 2, 4 and 5, be received and approved by this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Committee have leave to sit again.

The Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet at eleven o'clock, A. M., and to meet in Grand Committee immediately.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met, agreeably to adjournment.—Present, the same members as before.

Brothers Richard C. Talbott and John Miller appeared and took their seats, as Past Masters.

Brothers William Booen and William Duerson, Jr., of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, entered as visitors.

The R. W., *Alexander A. Meek*, D. G. M. and Chairman of the Grand Committee, made the following report, to-wit:

That the Grand Committee have examined the Return of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, and recommend the same to be received and approved by this Grand Lodge. The Grand Committee have discharged the various duties assigned them, and therefore pray to be discharged.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Return of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, be received and approved by this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Committee be discharged.

The Grand Lodge adjourned, until one o'clock, P. M.

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present, the same members as before.

Brothers S. Andrew Hughes, of Amity Lodge, Kentucky, and William Adams, of Fortitude Lodge, No. 47, Kentucky, entered as visitors.

On motion of W., *John Tipton*, S. G. W.,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge proceed immediately to the election of Grand Officers, to serve until the next Annual Grand Communication.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months; when, upon a ballot being taken, it was found that the following Brethren were duly elected, to-wit:

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M. W., Alexander A. Meek, Grand Master.
R. W., Davis Floyd, Deputy Grand Master.
W., John Tipton, Senior Grand Warden.
" Thomas Douglas, Junior Grand Warden.
" Henry L. Minor, Grand Treasurer.
" Isaac Howk, Grand Secretary.
" Nicholas D. Grover, Senior Grand Deacon.
" John Weathers, Junior Grand Deacon.
" William Stephens, Grand Chaplain.
" Jeremiah Sullivan, Grand Orator.
" Richard C. Talbott, Grand Marshal.
" Abel C. Pepper, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Alexander McCrosky, Grand Pursuivant.
" George Leas, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, for one hour, after which, called to labor again.

Brother *John Floyd*, from the Committee on Grievances, made the following report, to-wit:

The Committee on Grievances have had under their consideration, the case of Brother John T. Jamison, who was expelled from the privileges of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, and by appeal brought before this Grand Lodge; and beg leave to report the following resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, That the documents, in the case of the appeal of Brother J. T. Jamison, are too incomplete to authorize, at this time, any decision —there being neither the proof nor the decision of the Lodge forwarded.

Resolved, That the further consideration of the aforesaid case be postponed, until the next Grand Communication; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to issue an order, directed to Pisgah Lodge, requiring them to send up a complete record of the charges, also, of the proceedings of the Lodge, together with the evidence of said case, against the next Annual Grand Communication.

On motion,

Ordered, That the forgoing report lie on the table, for the present.

Brother *Floyd*, from the Committee on Grievances, then made the following report, to-wit:

The Committee on Grievances have had under consideration, the case of Brother Thomas C. Davis, brought before this Grand Lodge by appeal and to them referred; and are of opinion that the first charges in the record named are insufficient to expel him from the privileges of Masonry, when compared with the testimony; that upon comparing the first charge with the testimony, although they conceive that the Lodge erred in expelling him from the privileges of the Order, yet they conceive that there is, in the evidence, discovered an equivocation or evasion of the truth, which your committee conceive ought to have been punished by a milder punishment.

On motion,

Ordered That the foregoing report lie on the table for the present.

On motion of the W., *Davis Floyd*, J. G. W.,

Resolved, That a committee of two Brothers be appointed to communicate with Brother G. W. Johnson, through the Lodge at Vincennes, respecting his views in a

late proposition to publish to the world a Treatise on the Mysteries of Mosonry, and make report to this Grand Lodge at their next Annual Grand Communication.

Whereupon, Brothers Floyd and Dunbar were appointed that committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for one half hour, after which, to labor again.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the installation of the Grand Officers elect.

When, all but Past Masters having retired, the Master Masons' Lodge was closed, and a Past Masters' Lodge opened. Brother ALEXANDER A. MEEK was then duly installed Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brother *Davis Floyd* was duly installed Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master. The Lodge was then closed in this degree, and a Master Masons' Lodge opened; when Brother *John Tipton*, W. Senior Grand Warden, and Brother *Thomas Douglas*, W. Junior Grand Warden, were duly installed, and received the congratulations of the Brethren.

The Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

Attest: ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *G. M.*

H. P. THORNTON, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, September 16, 1818.

The Grand Lodge convened, agreeably to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M.—Present,

M. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Grand Master.
R. W., DAVIS FLOYD, Deputy Grand Master.
W., JOHN TIPTON, Senior Grand Warden.
" THOMAS DOUGLAS, Junior Grand Warden.
" HENRY L. MINOR, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" ISAAC HOWE, Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
" JONATHAN WOODBURY, Senior Grand Deacon.
" JOHN WEATHERS, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
" REUBEN W. NELSON, Grand Sword Bearer.
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Grand Pursuivant.
" ALEXANDER MCCROSKY, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Past Grand Officer.—Alexander Buckner.

Past Masters.—John Miller and Henry L. Minor.

Representatives.—From Union Lodge, No. 2, N. D. Grover and A. C. Lanier; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, John Weathers and George Leas; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Jonathan Woodbury; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, J. N. Dunbar; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, A. C. Pepper.

Visitors.—William Booen and William Duerson, Jr. of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3; William Adams, of Fortitude Lodge, No. 47, Kentucky; Jacob Thomas, of Union Lodge, No. 2.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

Brother ALEXANDER BUCKNER, P. G. M., was invited to the Chair, when the following officers elect, for the ensuing twelve months, were duly installed in their several offices, successively, to-wit: *Henry L. Minor*, Grand Treasurer; *Isaac Howk*, Grand Secretary; *Nicholas D. Grover*, Senior Grand Deacon; *John Weathers*, Junior Grand Deacon; *Abel C. Pepper*, Grand Sword Bearer; *Alexander McCrosky*, Grand Pursuivant; *George Leas*, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Brother P. G. M. Buckner took his seat as P. G. Officer and the M. W. Grand Master resumed the Chair.

On motion of W., *Thomas Douglas*, J. G. W.,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do concur in so much of the report of the Committee on Grievances, as relates to the appeal of John T. Jamison from the decision of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, to this Grand Lodge.

Brother Samuel C. Tate, of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, entered as a visitor.

Brother Joseph Bartholomew appeared and took his seat, as a Past Master.

The following amendment was made to the report of the Committee on Grievances, relative to the appeal case of Brother Thomas C. Davis, by consent, to-wit:

Therefore, *resolved*, by this Grand Lodge, that Pisgah Lodge *erred*, in expelling Brother Thomas C. Davis; and that the sentence against him be reversed, and he restored to all the privileges of the Order; and that the Master of that Lodge be required to give such reprimand as the offense, in his judgment, merits.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do concur in the report of the Committee on Grievances, relative to the appeal of Thomas C. Davis, as amended.

Brother William Carpenter, of Switzerland Lodge, (U. D.), appeared and took his seat as a visitor.

Brother *Woodbury* presented the following resolution, which was read and adopted by this Grand Lodge, to-wit:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana have not adopted any regular form for the subordinate Lodges to make their annual Returns to this Grand Lodge; Therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft a form, to be adopted by this Grand Lodge, as a guide for the subordinate Lodges in making their annual Returns to this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of the same to the several subordinate Lodges.

Whereupon, Brothers Woodbury, Tipton and Miller were appointed a committee for that purpose.

On motion of Brother *Miller*,

Resolved, That a Grand Lecturer, under the particular instructions of this Grand Lodge, be appointed to superintend the work, and lecture the subordinate Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

On motion of Brother *Thomas Douglas*, J. G. W.,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that it is improper for the subordinate Lodges, working under their authority, to publish the suspension or expulsion of any member, unless by order of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for the space of one hour, after which, called to labor again.

A petition of sundry Brethren, residing in Switzerland county, State of Indiana, praying for letters of Dispensation, authorizing them to work as a regular Lodge, together with the recommendation of a number of Brethren of Union Lodge, No. 2, was presented to this Grand Lodge, and read. Whereupon,

Resolved, That letters of Dispensation issue, authorizing a Lodge to be held by the petitioners, in the town of Vevay, in the State of Indiana, to be known by the name of Switzerland Lodge; and that Brother William C. Keen be the first Master, Brother *John Mendenhall* first Senior Warden, and Brother *Alexander Hutton* first Junior Warden.

Brother *Miller*, from the committee appointed to draft a form to serve as a guide to the subordinate Lodges, in making a Return to this Grand Lodge, made report of a form for that purpose, which was read and adopted by this Grand Lodge, and ordered to be filed.

On motion of Brother *Thomas Douglas*,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction ought to take cognizance of the conduct of sojourning Brethren, and to hear and investigate all charges which may be made against any such Brethren, after citing them to appear and answer thereto; and to make a correct record of all such proceedings,—a copy of such record, properly certified, ought to be referred to the Lodge of which the delinquent Brother is a member, for decision, provided such Lodge be situated in either of the adjoining States; if it is not, then the Lodge ought to decide on the merits of the case, leaving the delinquent the right of an appeal as in other cases.

The Grand Lodge adjourned, until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

Attest: ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *G. M.*

Isaac Howk, *G. Sec'y.*

Thursday, September 17, 1818.

The Grand Lodge met, agreeably to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M.—Present,

M. W., Alexander A. Meek, Grand Master.
R. W., Davis Floyd, Deputy Grand Master.
W., John Tipton, Senior Grand Warden.
" Thomas Douglas, Junior Grand Warden.
" Henry L. Minor, Grand Treasurer.
" A. C. Lanier, Grand Secretary.
" Nicholas D. Grover, Senior Grand Deacon.
" John Weathers, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Alexander McCrosky, Grand Pursuivant.
" George Leas, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Past Masters.—Henry L. Minor and Joseph Bartholomew.

Representatives.—From Union Lodge, No. 2, A. C. Lanier and N. D. Grover; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, John Weathers and George Leas; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Jonathan Woodbury; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, J. N. Dunbar; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Abel C. Pepper.

Visitor.—John Sheets, of Union Lodge, No. 2.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to have fifty copies of the Proceedings of the present session of this Grand Lodge printed for the use of the subordinate Lodges.

Brother *A. C. Lanier*, presented the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the fifth section of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be so amended as to read thus: "The Grand Lodge shall hold an Annual Grand Communication, on the fourth Monday in July, in each and every year."

Which was read, and ordered to be laid over, until the next Annual Grand Communication, for further deliberation.

Brother Isaac Howk, G. Secretary, appeared and took his seat.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for one half hour, after which, called to labor again.

Brothers William Carpenter, of Switzerland Lodge; Joseph A. Lignan, John Epler and Samuel S. Moore, of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, entered as visitors.

The committee on Accounts made report, which was concurred in by the Grand Lodge, and ordered to be filed.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of a Grand Lecturer. Whereupon, Brother *John Sheets* was duly elected to that office.

On motion of the R. W., *Davis Floyd*, D. G. M.,

Resolved, by this Grand Lodge, That any kind of gambling, or betting, is considered unmasonic; and that the Grand Lecturer be requested to give the same in charge to the subordinate Lodges, that such as are guilty of it be subject to admonition, suspension, and, if no marks of reformation, expulsion.

On motion,

Resolved, That the representatives from the subordinate Lodges, working under this Grand Lodge, be requested to pay into the hands of the Grand Secretary, by way of loan, the sum of twenty dollars each, to be appropriated to paying the expenses of this session of the Grand Lodge, and as a Grand Charity Fund; and that the same be credited on their Account, at the next Annual Grand Communication.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, until eight o'clock. P. M.

EIGHT O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor again.

Brother *Thomas Douglas*, J. G. W., presented the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the provision contained in the third section of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be stricken out, and the following words inserted, to-wit: "No member of this Grand Lodge shall be elected to the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master, or Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, who has not, previous to such election, taken the degree of Past Master."

Which was read and ordered to lie over until the next Annual Grand Communication for further deliberation.

On motion,

Resolved, That one copy of the Proceedings of the present Annual Grand Communication be distributed to each of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; and that a copy of said Proceedings be transmitted to each of the Grand Lodges of Ancient York Masons in the United States.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be convened and held at the Hall of Union Lodge, No. 2, in MADISON, Indiana.

There being no further business before this Grand Lodge, it was closed, in due form and harmony, at nine o'clock, P. M., to meet again on the second Monday in September, A. L. 5819, A. D. 1819.

ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *G. Master.*

ISAAC HOWK, *G. Sec'y.*

Copied from the original Minutes.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT MADISON, IND.—SEPT. 13, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819.

M. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at the Masons' Hall, in the town of Madison, on Monday the thirteenth day of September, Anno Lucis 5819, Anno Domini 1819.—Present,

M. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Grand Master.
W., JOHN TIPTON, Senior Grand Warden.
" ABEL C. PEPPER, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" JOSEPH BARTHOLOMEW, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" ISAAC HOWK, Grand Secretary.
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Senior Grand Deacon.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
" JEREMIAH SULLIVAN, Grand Orator.
" RICHARD C. TALBOTT, Grand Marshal.
" ALEXANDER MCCLOSKY, Grand Pursuivant.
" GEORGE LEAS, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Past Masters.—John Miller and John N. Dunbar.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Francis Cunningham; Union Lodge, No. 2, Robert Cravens, Nicholas D. Grover and Copeland P. J. Arion; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, Isaac Howk, Benjamin Ferguson and William Booen; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, James Dill; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, William H. Lilly and William P. Thomasson; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Abel C. Pepper; Switzerland Lodge, (U. D.), William C. Keen, Williams Pierson, Sen., and Jesse Lindsey.

Visitors.—Asahel Douglas, William C. Sullivan and Benoni Stilson, of Union Lodge, No. 2; Samuel Parr, late of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in the third degree of Masonry, in ample form; when the minutes of the last Annual Grand Communication were read.

Brother Thomas Douglas, J. G. W., entered and took his seat.

Brothers Reuben W. Nelson, of Posey Lodge, (U. D.), and John Meek, late of Union Lodge, No. 2, entered as visitors.

The following committees were appointed:

Brothers ABEL C. PEPPER, ROBERT CRAVENS and WILLIAM C. KEEN,—a committee to examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and receipts of the Grand Charity Fund, and report a statement thereof; and, also, ascertain the expenses of the Grand Communication.

Brothers FRANCIS CUNNINGHAN, JAMES DILL and WILLIAM H. LILLY,—a committee to hear and examine into grievances.

Brothers JOHN SHEETS and REUBEN W. NELSON,—a committee to examine attendant and visiting Brethren.

Brothers JOHN MILLER, JEREMIAH SULLIVAN and RICHARD C. TALBOTT,—a committee to examine the workings of the several Lodges under Dispensation.

Brother Ebenezer Ingalls, of —— Lodge, No 70, New York, entered as a visitor.

On motion of Brother Grand Orator, the Returns of the subordinate Lodges were referred to the Grand Committee.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning, at eight o'clock; and to meet in Grand Committee, at two o'clock this afternoon. ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *G. Master.*

ISAAC HOWK, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, September 14, 1819.

The Grand Lodge met, according to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M.—Present,

M. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Grand Master.
W., JOHN TIPTON, Senior Grand Warden.
" THOMAS DOUGLAS, Junior Grand Warden.
" JOSEPH BARTHOLOMEW Grand Treasurer.
" ISAAC HOWK, Grand Secretary.
" WILLIAM P. THOMASSON, Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
" JOHN SHEETS, Grand Lecturer.
" ALEXANDER MCCROSKY, Grand Pursuivant.
" GEORGE LEAS, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Past Masters.—John N. Dunbar and John Meek.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Francis Cunningham; Union Lodge, No. 2, Robert Cravens, Nicholas D. Grover and Copeland P. J. Arion; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, Isaac Howk, Benjamin Ferguson and William Booen; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, James Dill; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, William H. Lilly and William P. Thomasson; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Abel C. Pepper; Switzerland Lodge, at Vevay, (U. D.), William C. Keen, Williams Pierson and Jesse Lindsey; Posey Lodge, at

Jeffersonville, (U. D.), Reuben W. Nelson; Washington Lodge, at Brownstown, (U. D.), ——— Williams.

Visitors.—Samuel Parr, late of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; James Cochran, of Washington Lodge, No. 41, New Jersey.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

Brother Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, the Chairman of the Grand Committee, made the following report, to-wit:

The Grand Committee have had under consideration the Returns of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, for the years 1818 and 1819, and the Returns of Lodges, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, for the year 1819; and, after examination, are of opinion they are correct; to which report they pray the concurrence of this Grand Lodge. But, not having finished all the business submitted to their consideration, they beg leave to report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Which report was concurred in, and leave is given the Grand Committee to sit again.

A petition was presented and read, from a number of Brethren residing in Hardinsburg and its vicinity, together with the recommendation of Lawrenceburg Lodge, No 4, praying for letters of Dispensation, authorizing them to work as a regular Lodge. Whereupon,

Resolved, That Letters of Dispensation issue, authorizing a Lodge to be held by the petitioners, in the town of Hardinsburg, in the State of Indiana, to be known by the name of *Temple Lodge;* and that Brother THOMAS PALMER be the first Master, *Jonathan Woodbury*, the Senior Warden, and *William Ramsey*, the Junior Warden.

Brother *John N. Dunbar*, from the committee heretofore appointed to communicate with General W. Johnson, upon the subject of his proposed Masonic publication, beg leave to report:

That they have not attained the object of their appointment, and request leave to sit again, if deemed necessary.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said committee have leave to sit again; and that Brother John Tipton be associated with said committee.

On motion, the resolution of Brother Junior Grand Warden, presented at the last Annual Grand Communication, for the amendment of the Constitution, was taken up and read. Whereupon, the vote of the Grand Lodge was taken for the adoption of said resolution,—which was decided in the negative.

Brothers Jeremiah Sullivan, John Miller and Richard C. Talbott, entered and took their seats, as Past Masters.

Brother *Jeremiah Sullivan*, from the committee appointed to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation, made report:

That they had examined the workings of Switzerland Lodge, at Vevay, (U. D.); of Posey Lodge, at Jeffersonville, (U. D.). They find their workings are regular, and that their prayer for a Charter should be granted them.

That they have examined the proceedings of Olive Branch Lodge, held at Evansville, Indiana, (U. D.), so far as they have been communicated to this Grand Lodge. The committee regret that, in consequence of the very deranged and mutilated manner in which the records have been sent up, they can not recommend this Grand Lodge to grant a Charter to the Brethren of said Lodge.

The committee further report, that they have examined the workings and proceedings of Zif Lodge, held at New Albany, Indiana, (U. D.); and find their workings are regular, and that their petition for a Charter is reasonable, and should be granted.

Your committee have also examined the proceedings and workings of Washington Lodge, held at Brownstown, Indiana, (U. D.). They regret that, in the proceedings of this Lodge, departures from the well established and well known landmarks of the Order, are too frequent. It will not be expected of this committee, that they should enter into a detailed and minute statement of every departure from the rules of Masonry; suffice it to say, that, in almost every page, we meet with initiations at the same meeting that the petitions were presented. We find Entered Apprentice Lodges opened by four Masons; and we also find Entered Apprentices appointed to inquire into the qualifications of candidates for Masonry. We also frequently meet with Masons being hurried through two degrees of Masonry at the same meeting; and we even find them entered, passed and raised, in the short space of one week, without a solitary reason being assigned in the Lodge books for this unwarrantable haste. Your committee have been tought to believe, that Masonry is a progressive science, and that it is necessary to a perfect and complete understanding of its principles, that no degree should be conferred, until the candidate understands what he has already received. Your committee have also to report, that the Dispensation granted said Lodge, by the M. W. Grand Master during vacation, has not been entered on the records, agreeably to the express injunctions of their Dispensation; nor have their By-Laws been transmitted for the inspection of this Grand Lodge. These reasons, with others of equal import, compel your committee to recommend to this Grand Lodge, that Washington Lodge, held at Brownstown, Indiana, (U. D.), be continued under said Dispensation, until the next Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Lecturer be directed to visit said Lodge as soon as may be, for the purpose of giving the Brethren of said Lodge such instruction and friendly admonition, as will enable them so to conduct said Lodge, as to promote the honor, dignity and prosperity of the Craft.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JEREMIAH SULLIVAN,
JOHN MILLER,
RICHARD C. TALBOTT, } Com.

Resolved, That so much of said report, as relates to Zif Lodge and Posey Lodge, be received; and that a Charter issue to *Zif Lodge*, No. 8, to be held at New Albany, Indiana; Brother ASAHEL CLAPP to be the first Master, Brother *Charles Paxton* the Senior Warden, and Brother *Lathrop Elderkin* the Junior Warden. Also, that a Charter issue to *Posey Lodge*, No. 9, to be held at Jeffersonville, Indiana; Brother SAMUEL GWATHMEY to be the first Master, Brother *John Weathers*, the Senior Warden, and Brother *Reuben W. Nelson*, the Junior Warden.

Resolved. That so much of the aforesaid report, as relates to Olive Branch Lodge, be re-committed to said committee, with such documents relative thereto, as may be in the hands of the M. W. Grand Master.

Resolved. That so much of the aforesaid report, as relates to Washington Lodge, be referred to the Grand Committee.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, to meet again at three o'clock, P. M.; and to meet in Grand Committee, at one o'clock. P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, agreeably to adjournment.—Present, the same members as in the morning.

Brother Senior Grand Warden, Chairman of the Grand Committee, made report:

That the Grand Committee have had under their consideration, so much of the report of the select committee appointed to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation, as was referred to them; and made some amendments to the same, to which they desire the concurrence of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That said report be received.

The report of the committee to examine the workings of Washington Lodge, was read as amended by the Grand Committee, which is as follows, to-wit:

The committee have also examined the workings of Lodges under Dispensation, relative to the workings of Washington Lodge, held at Brownstown, Indiana, (U. D.). They regret, that, in the proceedings of this Lodge, departures from the well established and well known landmarks of the Order are too frequent. It will not be expected of this committee, that they should enter into a minute and detailed statement of every departure from the rules of Masonry; suffice it to say, that in almost every page, they meet with initiations at the same meeting the petitions were presented. They find Entered Apprentices Lodges opened by four Masons; and they also find Entered Apprentices appointed to inquire into the qualifications of candidates. They also frequently meet with Masons being hurried through two degrees of Masonry at the same meeting; and they even find them entered, passed and raised, in the short space of one week, without a solitary reason being assigned on the Lodge books, for such unwarrantable haste. The committee have been taught to believe that Masonry is a progressive science, and that it is necessary to a perfect and complete understanding of its principles, that no degree shall be conferred until the candidate understands what he has already received. These reasons, with others of equal import, compel the committee to recommend to this Grand Lodge, that Washington Lodge, held at Brownstown, Indiana, under Dispensation, be continued under said Dispensation, until the next Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Lecturer be directed to visit said Lodge as soon as may be, for the purpose of giving the Brethren of said Lodge such instruction and friendly admonition, as will enable them so to conduct said Lodge, as to promote the honor, dignity and prosperity of the Craft.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the foregoing report, as amended, relative to Washington Lodge, be received and approved of by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That so much of said report of the committee to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation, as relates to Switzerland Lodge, be received; and that a Charter issue to said Lodge, under the name of *Vevay Lodge*, No. 7, to be held at the town of Vevay, Indiana. that Brother WILLIAM C. KEEN be the first Master, Brother *John Mendenhall*, the Senior Warden, and Brother *Jesse Lindsey*, the Junior Warden.

Brother Samuel Parr, late of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, presented charges against Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, for unmasonic conduct; which were read.

On motion of Brother *John N. Dunbar*,

Resolved, That notice be given, by the Grand Secretary, to Vincennes Lodge No. 1, of the exhibition of charges against said Lodge, by Brother Samuel Parr, and that they be served with a copy of said charges, and cited to appear and answer the same at the next Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge; and that the further consideration of those charges be postponed until that time.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do proceed, to-morrow morning at eight o'clock, to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning, at eight o'clock.

ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *G. M.*

ISAAC HOWK, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, September 15, 1818.

The Grand Lodge convened, agreeably to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M.—Present,

M. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Grand Master.
W., JOHN TIPTON, Senior Grand Warden.
" THOMAS DOUGLAS, Junior Grand Warden.
" JOSEPH BARTHOLOMEW, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" ISAAC HOWK, Grand Secretary.
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Senior Grand Deacon.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
" JEREMIAH SULLIVAN, Grand Orator.
" ALEXANDER MCCROSKY, Grand Pursuivant.
" GEORGE LEAS, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Past Masters.—John Miller, Richard C. Talbott, John N. Dunbar and John Meek.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Francis Cunningham; Union Lodge, No. 2, Robert Cravens, Nicholas D. Grover and Copeland P. J. Arion; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, Isaac Howk, Benjamin Ferguson and William Booen; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, James Dill; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, William H. Lilly and William P. Thomasson; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Abel C. Pepper; Vevay Lodge, No. 7, William C. Keen and William Pierson; Zif Lodge, No. 8, Lathrop Elderkin; Posey Lodge, No. 9, Reuben W. Nelson.

Visitors.—Evan Shelby and William G. Goforth, of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3; William Williams, of Washington Lodge, (U. D.); James Cochran, of Washington Lodge, No. 41, New Jersey.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

Brother John Sheets. Grand Lecturer, entered and took his seat.

Brother N. B. Palmer, of Union Lodge, No. 2, entered as a visitor.

On the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Master, that there was a Lodge

of Masons held at Brookville, Indiana, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, by virtue of a Charter from the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to correspond with the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, on that subject.

Brothers Benoni Stilson and S. H. Gorham, of Union Lodge, No. 2, entered as visitors.

The resolution, presented by Brother A. C. Lanier, at the last Annual Grand Communication, for the amendment of the fifth section of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, was taken up and read. Whereupon, the question was taken for the adoption of said resolution, which was decided in the negative.

Brother *Sullivan*, from the committee to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation, made the following report, to-wit:

The special committee, appointed to examine the proceedings of Lodges under Dispensation, report: That it is the wish of Washington Lodge, under Dispensation at Brownstown, Indiana, that the present Master and Wardens should be changed, and that Brother WILLIAM WILLIAMS should be appointed their first Master, *David Benton* their Senior Warden, and *A. Parker* their Junior Warden; which the committee think reasonable and should be granted.

The committee further report: That they have re-examined the proceedings of Olive Branch Lodge; and find no reason why their former report should be amended.

JEREMIAH SULLIVAN,
JOHN MILLER,
RICHARD C. TALBOTT, } Com.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That so much of the said report, as relates to *Washington Lodge*, be received; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to certify the change of officers in said Lodge, on the back of their Dispensation.

On motion of Brother *John N. Dunbar*,

Resolved, That so much of said report, as relates to Olive Branch Lodge, be so amended as to read, "The committee examined the proceedings of Olive Branch Lodge, and think their prayer for a Charter reasonable, and should be granted."

On motion,

Resolved, That said report, relative to Olive Branch Lodge, as amended, be received; and that a Charter issue to *Olive Branch Lodge*, No. 10, to be held at Evansville, Indiana; Brother JAY MOREHOUSE the first Master, *William Olmstead*, the Senior Warden, and *Amos Clark*, the Junior Warden.

On motion,

Resolved, That Brother John N. Dunbar be permitted to vote in this Grand Lodge, as *proxy* to Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, for one hour, after which, it was again called to labor.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months; when the following Brothers were found to be duly elected, and proclaimed:

M. W., Alexander A. Meek, Grand Master.
R. W., John Tipton, Deputy Grand Master.
W., Joseph Bartholomew, Senior Grand Warden.
" James Dill, Junior Grand Warden.
" Richard C. Talbott, Grand Treasurer.
" William C. Keen, Grand Secretary.
" Nicholas D. Grover, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Edward B. Wilson, Junior Grand Deacon.
" David Darrack, Grand Chaplain.
" John N. Dunbar, Grand Orator.
" John Sheets, Grand Lecturer.
" Reuben W. Nelson, Grand Marshal.
" William P. Thomasson, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cunningham, Grand Pursuivant.
" Alexander McCrosky, Grand Steward and Tyler.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge proceed to the election of an Assistant Grand Lecturer.

Whereupon, Brother *Thomas Douglas* was duly elected Assistant Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock, and closed in ample form and harmony.

ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *G. Master.*

Isaac Howk, *G. Sec'y.*

Thursday, September 16, 1819.

The Grand Lodge met, according to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M.—Present,

M. W., Alexander A. Meek, Grand Master.
W., John Tipton, Senior Grand Warden.
" Jeremiah Sullivan, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" Joseph Bartholomew Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" Isaac Howk, Grand Secretary.
" Nicholas D. Grover, Senior Grand Deacon.
" William P. Thomasson, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
" Alexander McCrosky, Grand Pursuivant.
" George Leas, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Past Masters.—John Miller and John Meek.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Francis Cunningham; Union Lodge, No. 2, Robert Cravens, Nicholas D. Grover and Copeland P. J. Arion; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, Isaac Howk, Benjamin Ferguson and William Booen; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, James Dill; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, William H. Lilly and William P. Thomasson; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Abel C. Pepper; Vevay Lodge, No. 7, William C. Keen,

and Williams Pierson, Sen.; Zif Lodge, No. 8, Reuben W. Nelson; Posey Lodge, No. 9, John N. Dunbar, Past Master, *proxy.*

Visitor.—Alexander C. Lanier, late of Union Lodge, No. 2.

The Grand Lodge was then opened, in the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

Brother Reuben W. Nelson was appointed a committee to correspond with the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, on the propriety of that Grand Lodge holding under its jurisdiction the Lodge at Brookville, in this State.

Brother Francis Cunningham, the representative from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Brother *James Dill*,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge direct the Secretary thereof, to procure from the Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the original charges against Switzerland Lodge; and that Brother William Carpenter have an attested copy of the same delivered to him,—he paying therefor.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do proceed to the installation of the Grand Officers elect.

Whereupon, all but Past Masters having retired, the Lodge was closed, and a Past Masters' Lodge opened, in ample form; when the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master elect was installed. The Past Masters' Lodge was then closed, and the Grand Lodge opened in the third degree of Masonry; when the other officers elect were severally and successively installed in their several offices, according to ancient usage.

On motion of Brother *John Miller*,

Resolved, That Washington Lodge, held at Brownstown, under Dispensation, be ordered to put their minutes and records of their late proceedings in proper form, and return the same, with their future records to the next Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Reuben W. Nelson*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to procure a folio blank book, to record the minutes and proceedings of this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Secretary record therein the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, from the time of its organization.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, and after the space of thirty minutes, called to labor again.

On motion of Brother *Abel C. Pepper*,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hold their next Annual Grand Communication in the Hall of Posey Lodge, No. 9, in the town of JEFFERSONVILLE.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, and after the space of one hour, called to labor again.

Brother *Robert Cravens*, from the committee on Accounts, etc., made the following report, to-wit:

Your committee, appointed to examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and receipts of the Grand Charity Fund, and report a statement thereof, and also to ascertain the expenses of the Annual Grand Communication,—beg leave to report:

That, from an examination of the Grand Treasurer's Accounts, they find that there remained in his hands, after defraying the expenses of the last Communication., ... $12 00

That, at the present Communication, the following sums have been paid in, by the subordinate Lodges, to-wit:

By Vincennes Lodge, No. 1,—dues for	1817 and	1818,		27 00
" do. do.	" 1818	" 1819,		42 00
" Union Lodge, No. 2,	" 1818	" 1819,		6 00
" Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3,	" 1818	" 1819,	(balance,)	50
" Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4,	" 1818	" 1819,		30 00
" Pisgah Lodge, No. 5,	" 1818	" 1819,		26 50
" Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6,	" 1818	" 1819,		20 00
" Switzerland Lodge, (U. D.),	" 1818	" 1819,		25 00
" Washington Lodge, (U. D.),	" 1818	" 1819,		22 50
" Olive Branch Lodge, (U. D.),	" 1818	" 1819,		8 50
" Posey Lodge, (U. D.),	" 1818	" 1819,		5 50

That fees have been paid for Dispensations, for Switzerland, Posey, Olive Branch, Washington, Terre Haute and Temple Lodges, ... 35 00

That fees have been paid for Charters, for Zif, Posey and Olive Branch Lodges, ... 90 00

That it appears, that Henry P. Thornton, late Grand Secretary, has in his hands, ... 30 00

That Switzerland Lodge is indebted, ... 30 00

Lawrenceburg Lodge is indebted, ... 16 00

Zif Lodge is indebted, ... 4 00

Olive Branch Lodge is indebted, ... 17 50

$436 00

EXPENDITURES.

The following claims have been examined by your committee, and found to be reasonable, to-wit:

Brother John Lodge, for printing, in 1817,				$14 00
Brothers Lodge & Arion, for printing, in 1818,				11 40
Brother William C. Keen, for printing Constitutions,				14 00
Brother George Leas, Steward and Tyler, in 1818,				4 00
" do. do. do.	" 1819,			12 00
Brother A. McCrosky, do. do.	" 1818,			12 00
" do. Grand Pursuivant,	" 1819,			4 00
Brother Isaac Howk, Grand Secretary,				9 37

$80 77

There appears to be in the Grand Treasurer's hands, ... $174 00

Also, in the hands of Isaac Howk, Grand Secretary, ... 107 50

Also, in the hands of Alexander A. Meek, ... 35 00

$316 50

That the expenses of this Communication amounts to $16 00

GRAND CHARITY FUND

Your committee can not discover, that any money has been paid out of this Fund, since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Indiana; and that the following sums have been paid in, to-wit:

By Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, for	1817	and	1818,	$20 00
" Union Lodge, No. 2,	1817	"	1818,	11 00
" Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3,	1817	"	1818,	15 00
" Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4,	1817	"	1818,	13 50
" Pisgah Lodge, No. 5,	1817	"	1818,	17 00
" Vincennes Lodge, No. 1,	1818	"	1819,	25 00
" Union Lodge, No. 2,	1818	"	1819,	12 00
" Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3,	1818	"	1819,	14 50
" Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4,	1818	"	1819,	18 00
" Pisgah Lodge, No. 5,	1818	"	1819,	16 50
" Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6,	1818	"	1819,	13 00
" Switzerland Lodge, (U. D.),	1818	"	1819,	14 00
" Washington Lodge, (U. D.),	1818	"	1819,	9 50
For seven Dispensations, at five dollars each,				35 00
" three Charters, at thirty dollars each,				90 00
That Switzerland is indebted,				30 00
Olive Branch Lodge is indebted,				8 50
				$262 50

Your committee recommend that the Grand Treasurer procure a good substantial book, for the purpose of keeping the Accounts of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee also recommend that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to make some disposition of the funds of the Grand Lodge, to prevent losses accruing to the Grand Lodge by depreciation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM C. KEEN,
ROBERT CRAVENS, } Com.
A. C. PEPPER,

On motion,

Resolved, That the report of the committee on Accounts be concurred in and received.

On motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master,

Resolved, That the sentence of Pisgah Lodge, expelling Brother John T. Jameson. be reversed, and that he again be admitted to all the privileges of the Order; and that the Grand Secretary make out and forward to said Lodge, a copy of this resolution.

On motion of Brother *Abel C. Pepper*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have two hundred copies of the Proceedings of this Annual Communication, printed; and that two be forwarded by him to each subordinate Lodge, and one copy to each Grand Lodge in the Union.

Brother *Reuben W. Nelson* presented the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the third Article of the Constitution be amended by the following addition to that part relative to the joint vote of the Grand Wardens: "But in case of the absence, or declining to vote, of either of the Grand Wardens, the power of voting shall devolve upon the other Grand Warden."

Which was read, and ordered to lie over until the next Annual Communication for further consideration.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, and after the space of one hour, called to labor again.

Brother *John N. Dunbar* presented the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That, as a feeble testimony of the high and heartfelt veneration in which we hold the memory of our late lamented and useful Brother, THOMAS SMITH WEBB, the members of this Grand Lodge wear crape on their left arm, for thirty days.

Brother *John Sheets*, Grand Lecturer, presented the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That all Grand Officers of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana, whether created by a resolution of said Lodge or by the Constitution, may hereafter have the right of voting on questions of order and propriety,

Which was read, and ordered to lie over until the next Annual Grand Communication, for further consideration.

Brother Reuben W. Nelson asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers *John Tipton*, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; *Joseph Bartholomew*, W. Senior Grand Warden; *James Dill*, W. Junior Grand Warden, and *Thomas Douglas*, Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund, to act in conjunction with the M. W. Grand Master.

Brother *Isaac Howk* presented the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized and directed to loan, not exceeding one-half of the funds of this Grand Lodge, in his hands unappropriated, at *six per centum* interest, to any person who will give good and sufficient security for the same, or be accountable to this Grand Lodge for the same with interest.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Brother *Jeremiah Sullivan*,

Resolved, That the form for making Returns to this M. W. Grand Lodge, be published, as an appendix to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

There being no further business before the M. W. Grand Lodge, it was closed, in ample form and harmony, at four o'clock, P. M., to meet again on the second Monday in September, 1820, at JEFFERSONVILLE, Indiana.

Attest: ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *G. Master.*

WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

APPENDIX.

FORM OF RETURN BY SUBORDINATE LODGES TO THE GRAND LODGE.

RETURN of ..... Lodge, No. ..., held at ....., in the county of ....., and State of INDIANA, on the ... day of .....

OFFICERS.

The Worshipful, A..... B....., Master.
B..... C....., Senior Warden.
C..... D....., Junior Warden.
D..... E....., Treasurer.
E..... F....., Secretary.
F..... G....., Senior Deacon.
G..... H....., Junior Deacon.
H..... I....., Steward.
I..... J....., Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

J..... K..... L..... M.....

MASTER MASONS.

M..... L..... ....., K..... J.....,
M..... N....., N..... O.....

FELLOW CRAFTS.

O..... P....., P..... ..... Q.....,
Q..... R....., R..... S.....

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

S..... ..... T....., U..... V.....,
W..... I....., T..... S.....

INITIATED.

P..... R....., on the ..... day of ....., 1819.

PASSED.

P..... R....., on the ..... day of ....., 1819.

RAISED.

P..... R....., on the ..... day of ....., 1819.

ADMITTED.

S..... T....., (M. M.) from ..... Lodge, No. ..., N. Y.
T..... S....., (F. C.) from ..... Lodge, No. ..., Penn.
G..... P....., (E. A.) from ..... Lodge, No. ..., Tenn.

DEMITTED.

A..... C....., (M. M.) on the ..... day of ....., 1819.
G..... A....., (F. C.) on the ..... day of ....., 1819.
R..... O..... ..., (E. A.) on the ..... day of ....., 1819.

SUSPENDED.

R..... G....., (F. C.) on the ..... day of ....., 1819, for .....

REJECTED.

R..... F..... D....., on the ... day of ....., 1819; ... years old, ... complexion, ... feet ... inches high, by occupation a ....., place of residence .....

EXPELLED.

F..... A....., on the ..... day of ....., 1819, for .....

DECEASED.

A..... O....., on the ..... day of ....., 1819, at .....

Regular Communication, on the ..... day of every month.

HALL OF ..... LODGE, No. ..., *Vevay*, May 2, 1819.

I, John Doe, Secretary of ..... Lodge, No. ..., do certify, that the foregoing is a correct Return of said Lodge, up to this day.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said [L. S.] Lodge, at *Vevay*, this ... day of ....., 1819.

JOHN DOE, *Sec'y.*

LIST OF ALL THE LODGES

SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA.

Name.	*No.*	*Where held.*	*Monthly Communications.*
Vincennes Lodge,	1.	Vincennes.	First Monday in every month.
Union Lodge,	2.	Madison,	First Thurs. after fourth Mon. in ev. month.
Blazing Star Lodge,	3.	Charlestown.	First Monday in every month.
Lawrenceburg Lodge,	4.	Lawrenceburg.	Tuesday evening preceding every full moon.
Pisgah Lodge,	5.	Corydon.	First Monday in every month.
Rising Sun Lodge,	6.	Rising Sun.	Wednesday of or preceding every full moon.
Vevay Lodge,	7.	Vevay.	Thursday of or preceding every full moon.
Zif Lodge,	8.	New Albany.	Third Tuesday in every month.
Posey Lodge,	9.	Jeffersonville.	First Saturday in every month.
Olive Branch Lodge	10.	Evansville.	Wednesday of or preceding every full moon.
Terre Haute Lodge,	(U. D.)	Terre Haute.	Unknown.
Washington Lodge,	(U. D.)	Brownstown.	Unknown.
Temple Lodge,	(U. D.)	Hardinsburg.	Unknown.
Salem Lodge,	(U. D.)	Salem.	Unknown.

☞ Communications for the Grand Lodge of Indiana, may be directed as follows, to-wit: "WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. S. G. L. I.*
Vevay, Indiana."

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT JEFFERSONVILLE, IND.—SEPT. 11, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820.

M. W. ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at the Masons' Hall, in the town of Jeffersonville, on Monday the eleventh day of September, A. D. 1820, A. L. 5820—Present,

M. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Grand Master.
R. W., JOHN TIPTON, Deputy Grand Master.
W., JOHN SHEETS, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" SAMUEL GWATHMEY, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" EVAN SHELBY, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" HENRY P. THORNTON, Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Senior Grand Deacon.
" EDWARD B. WILSON, Junior Grand Deacon.
" ELIHU STOUT, Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
" CHARLES R. WARING, Grand Steward and Tyler, *pro tem.*

Past Masters.—John Miller, Jonathan Jennings, Samuel Gwathmey and John Sheets.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Elihu Stout; Union Lodge, No. 2, N. D. Grover and C. P. J. Arion; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, Woodbridge Parker and Isaac Howk ; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, John Myers; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, H. H. Moore and E. B. Wilson; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, A. C. Pepper; Posey Lodge, No. 9, Reuben W. Nelson and John H. Farnham; Washington Lodge, Brownstown, (U. D.), James Brayman and David Benton; Scott Lodge, Lexington, (U. D.), H. P. Thornton and Jacob Thomas.

Visitors.—Jonathan Barrett, of Union Lodge No. 2; James Morrison, William Booen and Evan Shelby, of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3; William H. Lilly, of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5; Samuel Peck, James Nesmith, Thomas Wilson, Charles M. Taylor, Israel Gregg, William Wilkinson and James McNeal, of Posey Lodge, No. 9; Joseph Warner, Reuben Pugh and Adam

Hurdus, of N. C. Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Cincinnati, Ohio; Elijah Saltmarsh, Union Tioga Point Lodge, No. 70, Tioga Point, Penn.; Samuel Stewart and John Miller, of Fortitude Lodge, No. 47, Transylvania, Ky.; Samuel Dilworth, late of Blandford Lodge, No. 3, Blandford, Ky.; Thomas C. Kelsey, late of Washington Lodge, No. 17, Hamilton, Ohio; Harvey Bates, of Brookville Harmony Lodge, No. 41, Indiana.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana was opened, in the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication were then read.

Brother William P. Thomasson, Grand Sword Bearer, entered and took his seat.

Returns from the following Lodges, together with the credentials of their several representatives, were referred to the Grand Committee, to-wit: Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Elihu Stout; Union Lodge, No. 2, Nicholas D. Grover and Copeland P. J. Arion; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, Woodbridge Parker and Isaac Howk; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, John Myers; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, Harbin H. Moore and Edward B. Wilson; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Abel C. Pepper; Posey Lodge, No. 9, Reuben W. Nelson and John H. Farnham.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then appointed the following committees, to-wit:

Brothers Elihu Stout of No. 1, Isaac Howk of No. 3, and Jonathan Jennings of No. 5,—a committee to examine the Books and Accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Brothers Samuel Gwathmey of No. 9, Abel C. Pepper of No. 6, and Woodbridge Parker of No. 3,—a committee to hear Grievances.

Brothers John Sheets of No. 2, and Reuben W. Nelson of No. 9,—a committee to examine attendant and visiting Brethren.

Brothers Reuben W. Nelson and John H. Farnham of No. 9, and William P. Thomasson of No. 5,—a committee to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation.

Brother *Harvey Bates* presented a communication from Brookville Harmony Lodge, No. 41, Brookville, Indiana, working under a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Ohio; together with sundry documents accompanying the same,—praying for a Charter to work under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; which was read, and, on motion, referred to the Grand Committee.

Brother *John Tipton* presented the following communication from Brother Joseph Jenkins, to-wit:

"*To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and other officers, of the Grand Lodge of Indiana:*

"The prayer of your petitioner humbly showeth, that whereas, your petitioner did, on the 9th day of May, 1820, A. L. 5820, make application to one of your sub-

ordinate Lodges, known as Zif Lodge, holden at New Albany, for admittance as a visiting Brother, and was refused admittance, without any further explanation than which appears from the inclosed proceedings of said Lodge. As this conduct must have touched the finest feelings of the human heart, I, of course, feel myself aggrieved, and therefore make this appeal to the tribunal where all true Masons are sure to have their grievances redressed, and if charged with unmasonic conduct, an opportunity given for defense, and dealt with according to their merits. Your petitioning Brother, therefore, expects an investigation of the conduct of Zif Lodge will take place, at your Grand Communication on the 11th inst., at Jeffersonville; and that he will be duly informed of the result. JOSEPH JENKINS, *M. M.*"

Which was read, and referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion,

Resolved, That the workings and proceedings of all Lodges, working under Dispensation from this Grand Lodge, be referred to the Grand Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge adjourn, to meet again on to-morrow morning at ten o'clock; and to meet in Grand Committee at eight o'clock.

Attest: ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *G. Master.*

H. P. THORNTON, *G. Sec'y, pro tem.*

TUESDAY, September 12, 1820.

The Grand Lodge convened, agreeably to adjournment, at ten o'clock, A. M.—Present,

M. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Grand Master.
R. W., JOHN TIPTON, Deputy Grand Master.
W., JOHN SHEETS, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" SAMUEL GWATHMEY, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" EVAN SHELBY, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" HENRY P. THORNTON, Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Senior Grand Deacon.
" EDWARD B. WILSON, Junior Grand Deacon.
" ELIHU STOUT, Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
" CHARLES R. WARING, Grand Steward and Tyler, *pro tem.*

Past Masters.—Jonathan Jennings, Samuel Gwathmey, John Sheets and John Weathers.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Elihu Stout; Union Lodge, No. 2, N. D. Grover and C. P. J. Arion; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, Woodbridge Parker and Isaac Howk; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, John Myers; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, H. H. Moore and E. B. Wilson; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Abel C. Pepper; Posey Lodge, No. 9, John H. Farnham; Washington Lodge, Brownstown, (U. D.), David Benton and James Brayman; Scott Lodge, Lexington, (U. D.), Henry P. Thornton and Jacob Thomas; Palestine Lodge, Palestine, (U. D.), William Kelsey

Visitors.—Harvey Bates, of Brookville Harmony Lodge, No. 41, working under a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Ohio; W. H. Lilly, of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5; Joseph Warner, of N. C. Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Grand Lodge was then opened, in the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

Brother *John Tipton*, as Chairman of the Grand Committee, made the following report:

Most Worshipful Grand Master—

Your Grand Committee have had under consideration, the Returns of Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. 6, and 9, for the year 1820; and, after examination, are of opinion they are correct. They have also had under their consideration the petition of the members of Brookville Harmony Lodge, formerly working under a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Ohio; and, after due examination, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable, and should be granted; to which they desire the concurrence of this Grand Lodge. JOHN TIPTON, Chairman.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report of the Grand Committee be concurred in.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge adjourn, to meet again at three o'clock, P. M.; and in Grand Committee at two o'clock, P. M.

Attest: ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *G. Master.*

H. P. THORNTON, *G. Sec'y, pro tem.*

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present, officers and members the same as this morning.

Brother *Gwathmey*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report on the complaint of Brother Joseph Jenkins, to-wit:

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Brother Joseph Jenkins, a Master Mason, setting forth that he had applied to Zif Lodge, No. 8, in New Albany, for admittance as a visiting Brother, and had been refused admittance. Having examined the documents filed by Brother Jenkins, in support of his petition, find the following order of Zif Lodge, made on the 9th day of May last:

"On motion, *Resolved*, That Brother Joseph Jenkins be not admitted as a visitor, for causes known to the Lodge."

It appears to your committee, that the right to determine upon the propriety or impropriety of admitting or not admitting a visiting Brother, is a prerogative which every regularly organized Lodge should possess; and if, in the opinion of that Lodge, there existed sufficient cause to reject the visit of Brother Jenkins, they had a right to do so; but, at the same time, your committee are of opinion, that, in justice to the

applicant, the Lodge should have stated in their records, the cause of his not being admitted.

SAMUEL GWATHMEY,
A. C. PEPPER,
W. PARKER, } Com.

On motion,

Resolved, That the consideration of the above report be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Charter be granted and issued from this Grand Lodge, to the Brookville Harmony Lodge; and that the same retain the name and style aforesaid, and be numbered, 11; and that the Worshipful, JOHN JACOBS, be the first Master, *William B. Laughlin*, the first Senior Warden, and *Noah Noble*, the first Junior Warden.

Brother Stephen Beers, representative from Zif Lodge, No. 8, entered, produced his credentials, and took his seat as such accordingly.

Brother *John Sheets*, S. G. W. *pro tem.*, presented the Return of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, together with a communication, inclosing a power authorizing him, the said Brother Sheets, to represent them as *proxy* in this Grand Lodge; which, on motion, was referred to the Grand Committee.

Brothers Reuben Pugh, of N. C. Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Cincinnati, Ohio; C. P. J. Arion, of Union Lodge, No. 2; Jacob Thomas, of Scott Lodge, (U. D.); Cox T. Wilson, N. B. Boothe and James Lemon, of Posey Lodge, No. 9; William Tompkins, of Abrahams Lodge, No. 8, and J. L. Bogard, of Clark Lodge, No. 51, Louisville, Ky., entered and took their seats.

Brother *John H. Farnham* submitted the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That no Brother, who is not a member of some Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, is entitled to a seat therein as a member.

Which, after considerable discussion had thereon, was postponed until to-morrow morning.

Brother *John Tipton*, from the Grand Committee, made the following report, to-wit:

Your Grand Committee have had under consideration, the Return of Zif Lodge, No. 8, and of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, together with a letter and an appointment of Brother John Sheets as their representative by *proxy*, without the seal of their Lodge annexed to the same; and, after due examination, are of opinion, and do find both Returns to be regular and correct; in which they request the concurrence of this Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, on motion,

Resolved, That the appointment of the *proxy*, from Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, is constitutionally deficient; but it is the wish that this said Lodge should be represented in the present Grand Lodge. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do confirm the nomination of Brother John Sheets as their representative.

Brother *John Sheets*, S. G. W. *pro tem.*, presented the petition of Samuel C. Tate, praying an appeal to this Grand Lodge, from an order of expulsion made against him by Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, together with sundry documents accompanying the same; which, on motion, was referred to the committee on Grievances.

Brother *Harvey Bates* presented a petition from a number of Brethren at Connersville, Fayette county, praying for letters of Dispensation to authorize them to assemble and work as a regular Lodge, together with a recommendation from Brookville Harmony Lodge, No. 41; which were read; and, on motion,

Resolved, That letters of Dispensation be granted to the petitioners; and that Brother JOHN SAMPLE be the first Master, *Edmund I. Kidd*, the Senior Warden and *John Conner*, the Junior Warden.

The M. W. Grand Master (MEEK) laid before the Grand Lodge, a communication from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, on the subject of charges preferred, some time ago, by Brother Davis Embree of Miami Lodge, Cincinnati, Ohio, against Switzerland Lodge, held at Vevay; which was read, and referred to the Grand Committee.

Brothers Samuel Gwathmey, of Posey Lodge, No. 9; Abel C. Pepper, of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, and Woodbridge Parker, of Blazing Star Lodge. No. 3, entered and took their seats.

Brother *Gwathmey*, from the committee on Grievances, made a report, in Samuel C. Tate's case; which was read, and, on motion,

Resolved, That the report just read, be laid upon the table.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, to meet again on to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock, and in Grand Committee at eight o'clock, A. M.

Attest: ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *G. Master.*

H. P. THORNTON, *G. Sec'y, pro tem.*

WEDNESDAY, September 13, 1820.

The Grand Committee met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M. Brother TIPTON, Chairman, laid before it, the communication from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, containing charges against Switzerland Lodge, at Vevay; which was read, and, on motion,

Resolved, That the said communication be returned to the Grand Lodge, to be laid on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

JOHN TIPTON, Chairman.

William C. Keen, Clerk.

TEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

M. W., JOHN TIPTON, D. G. M. and Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W., SAMUEL GWATHMEY, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" ABEL C. PEPPER Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" EVAN SHELBY Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Senior Grand Deacon.
" WOODBRIDGE PARKER, Junior Grand Deacon.
" ELIHU STOUT, Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
" CHARLES R. WARING, Grand Steward and Tyler, *pro tem.*

Past Masters.—John Sheets, of Union Lodge, No. 2; and Jonathan Jennings, of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Elihu Stout; Union Lodge, No. 2, N. D. Grover; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, W. Parker and Isaac Howk; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, John Myers; Pisgah Lodge, No, 5, H. H. Moore and E. B. Wilson; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Abel C. Pepper; Vevay Lodge, No. 7, William C. Keen; Zif Lodge, No. 8, Stephen Beers; Posey Lodge, No. 9, J. H. Farnham; Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, John Sheets, (*proxy*); Brookville Harmony Lodge, No. 11, Harvey Bates; Scott Lodge, (U. D.), H. P. Thornton and Jacob Thomas; Washington Lodge, (U. D.), James Breaman and David Benton.

Visitors.—Isaac Gregg, of Posey Lodge, No. 9; Joseph Warner, of N. C. Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Ohio; William Booen, Robert Nichol and Isaac Howk, of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3; William H. Lilly, of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5; Edward Tyler, of .... Lodge, No. 51, Kentucky; Thomas C. Kelsey, P. M., of Washington Lodge, No. 17, Ohio.

The Lodge was called to labor, on the third degree of Masonry.

Brother *John H. Farnham*, from the committee appointed to examine the proceedings of Lodges working under Dispensation, made the following report:

The committee to whom were referred the Returns of Lodges under Dispensation, report: That they have examined the records of *Washington Lodge*, of Brownstown; and find that said Lodge has not complied with the order of the Grand Lodge, made at their last Annual Communication,—requiring said Lodge to send up a correct record of their proceedings prior to the last Grand Communication. That the record of said Lodge, handed to the committee, is frequently deficient, in not stating their reasons for their deviation from the By-Laws of the Lodge, in entering, passing and raising candidates. That it does not appear that an examination of candidates took place previous to passing and raising. They also perceive that said Lodge has not returned its Dispensation to this Grand Lodge. That the Return of said Lodge is incorrect and incomplete, for not containing the whole number of its members, and in omitting to notice the order of entering, passing, and raising. It also appears, that the duties of Secretary have been illy attended to, and imperfectly executed.

The committee have also had under consideration, the Return of *Temple Lodge*, at

Hardinsburg. In the proceedings of this Lodge, the deviations from the landmarks of Masonry are glaring and palpable. Its labors have been discontinued, since the 24th of June, 1820, without any cause therefor appearing in the Return. A Warden is installed before Entered Apprentices. The degree of Fellow Craft is conferred in the presence of Entered Apprentices. The name of the Secretary is subscribed to the minutes, without appearing in the record. The Return is incomplete and inaccurate, and the Dispensation not returned to this Grand Lodge.

The committee have also examined the proceedings of *Scott Lodge*, at Lexington; and find what they conceive to be an improper provision in the By-Laws of said Lodge; and also, an improper course pursued under said provision. In Article five of Section two, it is provided that no ballot shall take place but at a regular meeting for the initiation of candidates, unless two-thirds of the members are present. This committee conceive, that a practice of admitting members, at other than regular meetings, is unconstitutional; and that the evil is not remedied by requiring two-thirds of the members to be present; on the contrary, they think that a fruitful source of contention is exhibited in that provision. In the Return of this Lodge, the Senior Warden presiding, is denominated *Acting Master*, which is erroneous.

The committee have also examined the Returns of *Palestine Lodge*, and find the working correct; but observe that the Dispensation is not copied into the records of the Lodge. The shortness of the time, during which this Lodge has worked, presents a full exhibition of the skill and capacity of the Lodge.

In the Returns of the above named Lodges, the committee find Entered Apprentices' Lodges opened by a number less than that required by the Constitution of Masonry,—with the exception of Palestine Lodge.

The committee observe, that it appears to them most consistent with the principles of the Order, not to grant Charters until the Grand Lodge is satisfied, from the records of Lodges under Dispensation, that they are masters of their profession, and that the Grand Lodge can safely deposit with them the important trust of teaching the science of Masonry in its pure and classical principles. They recommend to the Grand Lodge that, in all cases, a full and satisfactory term of probation be required.

The committee conclude their report, by recommending that all the above named Lodges be continued under Dispensation, and that the Grand Lecturer proceed, with as little delay as possible, to Washington and Temple Lodges, and instruct them in the proper manner of keeping their records.

All of which is respectfully submitted. REUBEN W. NELSON.

On motion,

Resolved, That so much of the report just read, as refers to Washington Lodge, at Brownstown, be concurred in.

The M. W. Grand Master entered, and took his seat.

On motion,

Resolved, That that part of the report just read, as refers to Temple Lodge, at Hardinsburg, be referred to the Grand Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That that part of the report just read, as refers to Scott Lodge, at Lexington, be referred to the Grand Committee.

On motion,

Resoloed, That that part of the report just read, as refers to Palestime Lodge, be concurred in.

Brother *Jennings*, from the committee to whom was referred the papers of the proposed publication by General W. Johnson, entitled, "*The Secrets of Masonry*," made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred the report of the committee, appointed to correspond with Brother G. W. Johnson, on the subject of a Masonic work, proposed by him to be published, entitled the "*Secrets of Masonry*," beg leave to report: That your committee have investigated the documents referred, with that attention which their time and the importance of the subject merited. With the report alluded to, the intended publication of Brother Johnson was likewise referred to your committee, which they find to be nothing more than a collection of Masonic orations, with the exception of a little more than a Preface by the author.

Your committee therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposed Masonic work, by Brother General W. Johnson—containing nothing improper for publication—be returned to the author.

JONATHAN JENNINGS,
JOHN SHEETS,
JOHN TIPTON, } Com.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report just read, be concurred in.

Brother *Gwathmey*, as Chairman of the Grand Committee, made the following report:

The Grand Committee have had under consideration the communication from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, transmitting charges preferred by Brother Davis Embree, against Switzerland Lodge; and beg leave to recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the communication aforesaid be laid on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report just read, be concurred in; and that the Grand Secretary communicate to the W. Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and acknowledge the receipt of the communication aforesaid.

Brother Secretary laid on the table the following communications, from Grand Lodges, to-wit:

1. A communication from the M. W. Grand Lodge of New York, containing its proceedings at its Quarterly Communications, and meetings of emergency, held between June 24th, 1818 and June 24th, 1819.

2. A circular, from the Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia, in the following words:

"SAVANNAH, Georgia, April 19, A. L. 5820.

"Impositions, practised on the liberality and humane feelings of the members of the Masonic society, by unprincipled men, who, unfortunately for the Craft, have been initiated and become versed in the mysteries of our Art, and thereby enabled to practise upon the credulity of some, and sympathy of others of their Brethren,—have been, of late, so numerous and daring, as to call for the adoption of some measure whereby they may be checked.

"The object of this communication is to caution all Right Worshipful, Worshipful, and other Brethren, against the false representations of a man who has

been too successful in his appeals for charity, in this State and in South Carolina.

"HENRY RITTER is a German, of low stature, well formed, dark complexion, plausible manner, and speaks deliberately the English language, with a German accent; has in his possession a Masonic Diploma, which he shows to all from whom he solicits aid. W. P. BEERS, Gr. Sec'y."

3. A circular from the Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge at Charleston, S. C., containing the resolution of that M. W. Grand Lodge, respecting Henry Ritter.

4. A circular from the Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, giving notice of Henry Ritter having imposed on Lexington Lodge, No. 1.

5. A circular from JOHN SNOW, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ohio, as follows, to-wit:

"*The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Ohio, to all Free and Accepted Masons, of every grade, on the terrestrial globe, send greeting:*

"Know ye, that FREDERICK A. CURTIS, formerly of the State of New York, lately a resident of Ohio,* but now gone to some part of the Southern or Western country, unknown to the Companions of this Grand Chapter, *is now*, and during some years past, has been an *expelled Mason.* The act of expulsion was passed upon him by Western Star Chapter, No. 35, in the State of New York.

"The said Curtis is about five feet seven inches high, usually corpulent, of dark complexion, black hair; has not the perfect use of his arms; is marked in his face with some black spots, by the explosion of gun-powder (as he says): he speaks with rapidity, though with some impediment. He has assumed various professions, such as physician, tailor, lecturer, etc. He represents himself as a Mason of high degree and good standing; he is an intemperate man, guilty of much immoral, deceitful, and unmasonic conduct, both as a man and a Mason.

"All Masons are, therefore, hereby warned against associating with so degenerate and unworthy a character, who has proved himself a disgrace to mankind, and especially so to the Masonic Fraternity.

"Done in Annual Grand Communication, at Columbus, Ohio, this 16th day of December, A. L. 5819. JOHN SNOW, G. H. Priest.

"*Attest:* BENJAMIN GARDINER, Gr. Sec'y."

6. A letter from the W. Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, concerning a communication from York Lodge, Kennebunk, to John Holmes, and one from John Holmes to Henry Clay, and from Henry Clay to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky,—on the subject of the expulsion of Joseph Burrell Emmerson, by Vincennes Lodge, No. 15.

7. A communication from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, containing its proceedings at its Annual Grand Communication, held at Lexington, on the last Monday in August, A. L. 5819.

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* It is believed, that the said Frederick A. Curtis now resides in the western part of the State of Indiana.

8, 9, 10 and 11. Four communications from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, containing its proceedings from 1816 to 1819.

12. A communication from the W. Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Vermont, containing the proceedings of said Grand Lodge, for the years 1818 and 1819.

13. A communication from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, containing its proceedings for the year 1819.

On motion,

Resolved, That the communications from foreign Grand Lodges be referred to the Grand Committee.

Brother *Gwathmey*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report:

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the charges exhibited by Brother Samuel Parr, against Vincennes Lodge, No. 15, while working under a Charter from the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky, and Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, now working under a Charter from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana,—report: That they have particularly examined the several charges and specifications preferred against the said Vincennes Lodge. That it seems to your committee, that such of said charges as have relation to Vincennes Lodge, No. 15—which, at that time, worked under the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky—can not, at this time, be a subject of inquiry before this M. W. Grand Lodge:—Lodge No. 15 being, at that time, amenable only to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, under whom she worked, and having, since that period, formally surrendered her Charter to that Lodge. The first charge, then, which seems to be a proper subject of inquiry by your committee, is the *third* charge, which, on referring to the documents filed, appears to be the first act of the present Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, contained in the list of the charges preferred. This charge, if it may be considered an offence against the ancient usages and customs of Masonry, appears to have resulted more from a want of correct knowledge of the extent of the powers of a Master Masons' Lodge, than from a wanton intention to violate the ancient forms and customs of Masonry, which is acknowledged in their answer to that charge; and may be readily excused by this M. W. Grand Lodge.

The right and privilege of a Lodge, for *good cause*, to reject the visit of a Brother, is a power which your committee can not deny. They, therefore, report, that they can see no good ground why this M. W. Grand Lodge should censure the course taken by Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, in regard to Brother Samuel Parr.

S. Gwathmey,
A. C. Pepper,
W. Parker, } Com.

Which report, together with the charges and written answer of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, were read, and on motion,

Resolved, That the report, etc., be referred to the Grand Committee.

Brother *William C. Keen*, Master of Vevay Lodge, No. 7, presented the Return of Vevay Lodge; which was read, and on motion, referred to the Grand Committee.

Brother *Nelson*, (who was appointed at the last Annual Grand Commu-

nication of this Grand Lodge, to correspond with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, respecting Brookville Harmony Lodge, No. 41, which was working under a Charter from the said Grand Lodge, within the Masonic jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge,) made the following report:

The committee, appointed to correspond with the Grand Lodge of Ohio, report: That, owing to an unusual press of business for some time previous to the last Grand Communication of said Grand Lodge, and to his desire to confer with the M. W. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, the time for making the communication expired. The necessity of which correspondence, your committee is happy to learn, is now obviated, by the application of Brookville Harmony Lodge to this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted, R. W. NELSON.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report just read, be laid on the table.

Brother A. C. Pepper, representative from Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Richard C. Talbott*, Treasurer, presented a statement of the funds of the Grand Lodge; which was read, and referred to the committee on Accounts.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge now adjourn, to meet again at three o'clock this afternoon; and in Grand Committee at two o'clock.

Attest: ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *G. Master.*

WM. C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Committee met, pursuant to adjournment.—Brother JOHN TIPTON, D. G. M., Chairman, and *William C. Keen*, Clerk.

The proceedings of Temple Lodge, (U. D.), at Hardinsburg, being under consideration,—on motion,

Resolved, That the report of the select committee be concurred in.

The proceedings of Scott Lodge, (U. D.), at NewLexington, being under consideration,—on motion,

Resolved, That the representative of said Lodge have leave to amend the record of the proceedings of said Lodge; and that said Lodge be recommended to the Grand Lodge for a Charter.

The communication from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, respecting the expulsion of Joseph B. Emmerson, being under consideration,—on motion,

Resolved, That Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, be directed to forward to the Grand Lodge a full and complete record of the proceedings, had before said Lodge, against Joseph B. Emmerson.

The Return of Vevay Lodge, No. 7, being under consideration,—on motion.

Resolved, That the proceedings of said Lodge be received, and the same be reported to the Grand Lodge as correct.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Committee now rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

JOHN TIPTON, *Chairman.*

Attest: *Wm. C. Keen*, Clerk.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to labor in the third degree of Masonry.—Present, officers, representatives and visitors, as this morning.

Brother *John Tipton* presented a report of the proceedings of the Grand Committee; which was read, and, on motion,

Resolved, That the said report be concurred in.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to *Scott Lodge;* that said Lodge be numbered 12; and that Brother JACOB THOMAS be the first Master, *James Goodhue*, the first Senior Warden, and *James L. White*, the first Junior Warden.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge proceed immediately to the election of Grand Officers, for the ensuing twelve months.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers; and the following Brothers were duly elected and proclaimed:

M. W., JOHN TIPTON, Grand Master.
R. W., JOHN SHEETS, Deputy Grand Master.
W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, Senior Grand Warden.
" SAMUEL GWATHMEY, Junior Grand Warden.
" WILLIAM H. LILLY, Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Senior Grand Deacon
" HARVEY BATES, Junior Grand Deacon.
" JOSEPH OGLESBY, Grand Chaplain.
" HARBIN H. MOORE, Grand Orator.
" JOHN H. FARNHAM, Grand Lecturer.
" ABEL C. PEPPER, Deputy Grand Lecturer.
" STEPHEN BEERS, Grand Marshal.
" EDWARD B. WILSON, Grand Sword Bearer.
" ELIHU STOUT, Grand Pursuivant.
" CHARLES R. WARING, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Visitors entered and took seats,—John Mefford and C. Vigus, of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5; Aaron Bigelow, of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 96, Springfield,

N. Y.; Isaac Gregg, of Posey Lodge, No. 9; William Booen, of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3.

On motion,

Resolved, That the vote taken this morning, on the report of the committee appointed to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation, so far as it respects Washington Lodge, at Brownstown, be reconsidered.

On motion,

Resolved, That the workings of Washington Lodge, at Brownstown, (U. D.), be referred to the Grand Committee.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, to meet again this evening, at seven o'clock: and in Grand Committee, in fifteen minutes.

Attest: ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *G. Master.*

WM. C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present, officers, representatives and visitors, as before.

Brother *John Sheets*, Grand Lecturer, proceeded to deliver a lecture on the first three degrees of Masonry.

Brothers Ansel Abbey, of Zif Lodge, No. 8; Davis Floyd, of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, and John Floyd, entered as visitors.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at six o'clock.

Attest: ALEXANDER A. MEEK, *G. Master.*

WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, September 14, 1820.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at six o'clock, A. M.—Present,

M. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Grand Master.
R. W., JOHN TIPTON, Deputy Grand Master.
W., JOHN SHEETS, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" REUBEN W. NELSON, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" JONATHAN JENNINGS, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Senior Grand Deacon.
" EDWARD B. WILSON, Junior Grand Deacon.
" ELIHU STOUT, Grand Pursuivant.
" CHARLES R. WARING, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Elihu Stout; Union Lodge, No. 2, N. D. Grover; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, W. Parker; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, John Myers; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, H. H. Moore, J. Jennings and E. B. Wilson; Vevay Lodge, No. 7, W. C. Keen;

Zif Lodge, No. 8, Stephen Beers; Posey Lodge, No. 9, John H. Farnham; Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, John Sheets, *proxy;* Brookville Harmony Lodge, No. 11, Harvey Bates; Scott Lodge, No. 12, Jacob Thomas.

Visitor.—William Booen, of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor, in the third degree of Masonry; and then called from labor to refreshment, for one hour.

LODGE OF EMERGENCY.

The Grand Lodge convened, in case of emergency, pursuant to a call of the M. W. Grand Master.—Present,

M. W., ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Grand Master.
R. W., JOHN TIPTON, Deputy Grand Master.
W., JOHN SHEETS, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" REUBEN W. NELSON, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" JONATHAN JENNINGS, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Senior Grand Deacon.
" EDWARD B. WILSON, Junior Grand Deacon.
" ELIHU STOUT, Grand Pursuivant, Steward and Tyler, *pro tem.*

Visitors.—Joseph Warner, of N. C. Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Ohio; Isaac Howk and Robert P. Nichol, of Blazing Star Lodge, No, 3.

The Lodge was opened in the fifth degree of Masonry, and the Grand Lodge was informed that this Lodge had been convened to install Brother JACOB THOMAS, as Master of *Scott Lodge*, No. 12. He was accordingly introduced and installed Master of said Lodge.

All but Past Grand Masters having retired, after a space of half an hour, the members were called in, when the M. W. Grand Master informed the Lodge that the M. W., JOHN TIPTON, the Grand Master elect, and the R. W., JOHN SHEETS, Deputy Grand Master elect, had been duly installed; and the W., Jonathan Jennings, Senior Grand Warden, and the W., Samuel Gwathmey, Junior Grand Warden elect, were severally installed.

The Past Masters' Lodge was then closed.

Attest: JOHN TIPTON, *G. Master.*

WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

The Grand Lodge was then called from refreshment to labor.—Present, the new officers, as just installed. The other officers elect were severally and successively installed in their several offices, according to ancient usage.

Brother John Harvey, of Zion Lodge, No. 10, Detroit, Mich., entered as a visitor.

Brother John H. Farnham, representative from Posey Lodge, No. 9, entered and took his seat.

Brothers Edward Tyler, Benjamin J. Harrison and E. G. Byers, of Clark Lodge, No. 51, Kentucky, entered as visitors.

On motion,

Resolved, That the representatives from Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, be permitted to amend their Return.

On motion,

Resolved, That the representative from Scott Lodge, No. 12, have permission to take home their book of Records, provided a correct copy thereof be filed with the Grand Secretary.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge adjourn, for one hour; and meet in Grand Committee immediately.

Attest: JOHN TIPTON, *G. Master.*

WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

The Grand Committee met, pursuant to adjournment.—R. W., JOHN SHEETS, D. G. M., in the Chair, and *William C. Keen*, Clerk.

The Grand Committee had the case of Washington Lodge, at Brownstown, (U. D.), under consideration; and, on motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Committee disagree to so much of the report of the committee, appointed to inspect the workings of Lodges working under Dispensation, as respects Washington Lodge, (U. D.) at Brownstown; and that the same be so amended as to recommend to the Grand Lodge, that a Charter issue to said Lodge from this Grand Lodge,—by the name and style of *Washington Lodge*, No. 13; and that JESSE DUNHAM be the first Master, *Samuel Whedon*, the first Senior Warden, and *James Breaman*, the first Junior Warden.

The Grand Committee had the charges exhibited by Brother Samuel Parr against Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, under consideration. On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Committee do recommend to the Grand Lodge, to concur in the report of the select committee on the first and second charges.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Committee do not concur in the report of the select committee, relative to the third charge against Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; and can not approve of any subordinate Lodge, under this Grand Lodge, conferring the Mark Masters' degree.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Committee do not concur in so much of the aforesaid report, as relates to the fourth and fifth charges, preferred by Brother Samuel Parr, against Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; and disapprove, most decidedly, the conduct of said Lodge, in this respect.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Committee now rise, and report their proceedings to the Grand Lodge for their concurrence.

JOHN SHEETS, Chairman.

Attest: *Wm. C. Keen*, Clerk.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—Officers and representatives as before.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren, to act in conjunction with him as Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund: R. W., *John Sheets*, D. G. M.; W., *Jonathan Jennings*, S. G. W.; W., *Samuel Gwathmey*, J. G. W.; and Brother *David Benton*, of Washington Lodge, (U. D.).

Brother John Harvey, of Zion Lodge, No. 50, Detroit, Mich., entered as a visitor.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to take a transcript from the several communications from the several Grand Lodges, of all suspensions and expulsions published by them,—and publish the same with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Brother Minor White, of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 32, Middletown, Ky., entered as a visitor.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary furnish the Grand Lodge, at its next Annual Grand Communication, with two hundred copies of the Constitution.

Brother Robert P. Nichols, of Blazing Star Lodge, No, 3, entered as a visitor.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report of the committee on Grievances, in the case of Samuel C. Tate's expulsion from Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, be concurred in.

On motion,

Resolved, That Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, be directed to certify to the next Annual Grand Communication, a copy of the proceedings had in said Lodge, upon charges preferred against Brother General W. Johnson, together with a copy of the charges preferred against him as aforesaid.

Brother *John Sheets*, D. G. M., and Chairman of the Grand Committee, made a report of the proceedings of said committee this day; which was read, and, on motion,

Resolved, That the report of the Grand Committee, just read, be concurred in.

Brother E. F. Bainbridge, of Clark Lodge, No. 51, Kentucky, entered as a visitor.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will not act upon any case of appeal to this Grand Lodge, hereafter, unless they have all the evidence, in writing, had before the subordinate Lodge, together with the charges and specifications.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolution offered by Brother John H. Farnham, to-wit: "*Resolved*, That no Brother who is not a member of some Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, is entitled to a seat therein as a member," be adopted.

The resolution, offered by Brother John Sheets at the last Annual Grand Communication, to-wit: "*Resolved*, That all Grand Officers of the M. W.

Grand Lodge of Indiana, whether created by said Lodge or by the Constitution thereof, may hereafter have the right of voting on questions of order and propriety," was under consideration; whereupon, on motion,

Resolved, That the said resolution be adopted.

The resolution, offered by Brother Reuben W. Nelson, at the last Annual Grand Communication, to-wit: "*Resolved*, That the third Article of the Constitution be amended by the following addition to that part relative to the joint vote of the Grand Wardens, 'But in case of the absence, or declining to vote, of either of the Grand Wardens, the power of voting shall devolve upon the other Grand Warden,'" was under consideration; whereupon,

Resolved, That the said resolution be adopted.

Brother Asahel Clapp, Master of Zif Lodge, No. 8, entered and took his seat.

R. W., John Sheets, D. G. M., asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

The case of Brother Joseph Jenkins, against Zif Lodge, No. 8, was under consideration; whereupon, on motion,

Resolved, That the further consideration of this case be postponed until our next Annual Grand Communication.

Brother Samuel Dilworth, late of Blandford Lodge, No. 8, entered as a visitor.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following rules, for the government of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, be adopted, and published with the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. This Grand Lodge shall meet at the hour on each day, on which it shall have been previously called or adjourned to; and after it shall have been opened, the register of its proceedings, on the preceding day, shall be read.

2. After the register of proceedings is read, petitions shall be called for by the Most Worshipful Grand Master; next, reports of standing committees; and lastly, the reports of select committees.

3. The Most Worshipful Grand Master may speak to points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide all questions of order, unless he shall deem it proper to submit the same to the decision of the Grand Lodge.

4. The Most Worshipful Grand Master shall appoint all committees.

5. The Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, and representatives of subordinate Lodges, shall each have seats assigned to them, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, according to rank and superiority.

6. When the Grand Lodge adjourns, all the officers and members shall seat themselves in their respective places, until the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall go forth, and then they may follow.

7. When a Brother rises to speak, he shall respectfully address himself to the "Most Worshipful;" and if he transgresses the rules of the Grand Lodge in speaking or otherwise, the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall call him to order; when, he shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain.

8. No Brother shall speak more than twice to any question, without leave; nor more than once, until every other Brother choosing to speak has spoken. And when two or more shall rise at the same time to speak, the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall name the Brother who shall speak first.

9. While the Most Worshipful Grand Master is addressing the Grand Lodge, or putting a question, or a Brother is speaking, no Brother shall entertain any private discourse; nor pass between the speaker and the Chair.

10. No Brother shall vote on any question, where he is particularly and personally interested, nor when he is not present when the question is first put; nor shall there be any debate after the question is put by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

11. Every Brother having a right to vote, who is present when a question is put, shall vote, unless for special reasons, he shall be excused.

12. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Grand Master, or being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair and read aloud by the Secretary, before debate.

13. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Grand Master or any other Brother desire it.

14. After a motion is stated by the Grand Master, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Grand Lodge; but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

15. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to amend it, to commit it, to postpone it, for the previous question, or to adjourn.

16. The previous question being moved and seconded, the question shall be—"Shall the main question now be put?" and if the nays prevail, the main question shall not be put.

17. On a previous question, no member shall speak more than once, without leave.

18. A motion for adjournment, to a time not longer than one day, shall always be in order, and be decided without debate; but all other motions for adjournment may be debated as in other cases.

19. Any member may call for a division of a question, where the sense will admit of it.

20. Motions and reports may be committed, at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

21. A motion for amendment until decided, shall preclude all other amendments of the main question.

22. No new motion, which totally changes the subject matter on which the original motion was intended to operate, shall be admitted under color of amendment as a substitute of the motion under debate.

23. No member, except one of the majority which decided the question, shall be permitted to move for a re-consideration of such question.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to memorialize the Legislature of this State, at their next session, so to incorporate the Lodges subordinate to, and the Grand Lodge of Indiana, as to entitle the said Lodges to hold real estate, not to exceed one acre for each Lodge, and personal estate not to exceed the value of two thousand dollars each.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer, either by himself or his Deputy, be instructed to proceed, at as early a period as possible, to visit the several Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. That he inspect their by-laws, records, workings, conduct, Masonic qualifications and improvements, and make report, in writing, of the result of their visits and inspections, to the Grand Lodge, at its next Annual Communication. It shall be the duty of the officers of each subordinate Lodge, when notified of the intended official visit of the Grand Lecturer, to immediately convene the Lodge, submit their by-laws, records, and other necessary work, to his inspection, and to pay all due respect to the said delegate of the Grand Lodge.

Secondly,—*Resolved*, That the said Grand Lecturer shall receive, as a compensation for such service, five dollars for each subordinate Lodge he may visit as above; which sum shall be paid by such Lodge; and shall moreover receive such additional compensation therefor, as the Grand Lodge, in their discretion, may think proper to allow, to be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

On motion,

Resolved, That a list of the suspensions and expulsions made by the several subordinate Lodges, since the last Annual Communication, be published with the Proceedings; and that the Grand Secretary transmit to the editors of "The Indiana Gazette," at Corydon, a list of expulsions for publication, with a request that the same be published by all the printers of newspapers in this State: *Provided, however*, That no expelled member, who shall take an appeal, within sixty days after such expulsion, shall be published, until after the decision of the Grand Lodge on every such appeal shall be first had.

Brother John Myers, representative from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, and Jacob Thomas, representative from Scott Lodge, No. 12, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

The M. W. Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Attest: JOHN TIPTON, *G. Master.*

WM. C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

FRIDAY, September 15, 1820.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M.—Present,

M. W., JOHN TIPTON, Grand Master.
W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, Senior Grand Warden.
" SAMUEL GWATHMEY, Junior Grand Warden.
" WILLIAM H. LILLY, Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Senior Grand Deacon.
" JAMES BREAMAN, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
" JOHN H. FARNHAM, Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
" CHARLES R. WARING, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Elihu Stout; Union Lodge, No. 2, N. D, Grover; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, Woodbridge Parker; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, E. B. Wilson; Vevay Lodge, No. 7, William C. Keen; Zif Lodge, No. 8, Stephen Beers; Posey Lodge, No. 9, John H. Farnham; Washington Lodge, No. 13, James Breaman.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

Brother Henry Mattz, of Franklin Lodge, No. 43, Danville, Ky., entered as a visitor.

The M. W. Grand Master (John Tipton), appointed Brothers Nicholas D. Grover, John Sheets, John H. Farnham, Samuel Gwathmey and Alexander A. Meek, a committee to present a memorial to the Legislature of Indiana, at the next session thereof,—to permit Lodges to hold real and personal estate, agreeably to a resolution adopted yesterday.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Lodge at Terre Haute, called "*Terre Haute Lodge,*" be permitted to continue their work, under their present Dispensation, until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge; and that PETER ALLEN be the Master thereof, *Lucius H. Scott,* the Senior Warden, and *Curtis Gilbert,* the Junior Warden.

On motion,

Resolved, That Brother John Myers have leave to withdraw the proceedings of Temple Lodge, (U. D.), at Hardinsburg.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, to each Grand Lodge in the Union; one copy thereof, to each of the Present and Past Grand Officers; and two copies thereof, to each subordinate Lodge.

On motion,

Resolved, unanimously, That this Grand Lodge entertain a grateful sense of the services rendered by the M. W. Grand Master, ALEXANDER A. MEEK, in the Chair of the Grand Lodge, and tender him their cordial and fraternal wishes for prosperity and happiness.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, and after a lapse of two hours, called to labor again.

Brother *Stout*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report:

GRAND LODGE, Jeffersonville, September 15, 1820.

Your committee, appointed to examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and receipts of the Grand Charity Fund, and report a statement thereof; and also to ascertain the expenses of the Annual Grand Communication,—beg leave to report:

That the Grand Treasurer has not furnished your committee with any papers from which they can make a report, as to his Accounts.

That, at the present Communication, the following sums have been received from the subordinate Lodges, to-wit:

From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1,	$23 50
" Union Lodge, No. 2,	24 00
" Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3,	22 50
" Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4,	13 00
" Pisgah Lodge. No. 5,	22 50
" Zif Lodge, No. 8,	26 50
" do. do. (1819),	4 00
" Posey Lodge, No. 9,	28 00
" Scott Lodge, No, 12,	10 50
" do. do. (for Charter),	30 00
" Washington Lodge, No. 13,	18 00
" do. do. (towards Charter),	1 00
" Temple Lodge, (U. D.),	9 00
" Warren Lodge, (for Dispensation),	5 00
	$237 50

Which sum is in the Grand Secretary's hands.

That there appears to be due from the following Lodges, the following sums, to-wit:

From Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, (1820),	$ 3 50
" Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6,	16 50
" Vevay Lodge, No. 7,	12 00
" Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10,	25 50
" Washington Lodge, No. 13,	29 00
" Temple Lodge, (U. D.),	5 00
	$91 50

The following claims have been examined by your committee, and found to be reasonable:

Brother William C. Keen's Account, to-wit:

For two and a half quires of paper,	$ 75
" Copies of several orders,	56¼
" Blank Account book,	75
" Copying Proceedings for print,	8 12½
" Complete record of Proceedings of Grand Lodge, from its organization,	18 50
" Postages,	4 18¾
" Complete Record book,	14 00
" Seal of Grand Lodge,	25 00
" One trunk,	2 50
" Cash paid printers,	2 50
" Brothers Lodge & Arion, for printing, etc.,	34 75
	$111 62½

That the expenses of the present Annual Communication, are as follows, to-wit:

To Charles R. Waring, for his services as Steward and Tyler, during the present Annual Communication,	$15 00
Cash in hands of Secretary,	237 50
Due Grand Lodge, 1820,	91 50
	$329 00
Deduct amount of bills allowed,	126 62½
Funds of Grand Lodge, for 1820,	$202 37½

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. Stout,
J. Jennings,
I. Howk, } Com.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report of the committee on Accounts be received and concurred in.

Jeffersonville, September 15, 1820.

Received of William C. Keen, Grand Secretary, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars and eighty-seven and a half cents, the amount of funds paid over to me as Grand Treasurer. Also, one hundred and eleven dollars and sixty-two and a half cents. ($237 50.) Wm. H. Lilly, Gr. Treasurer.

Brother John Miller, of Fortitude Lodge, No. 47, Kentucky, and A. Gilwick, of Blazing Star Lodge. No. 3, entered as visitors.

On motion,

Resolved, That the present Grand Treasurer make demand of the late Grand Treasurer, for all books, papers and money appertaining to the office of Grand Treasurer aforesaid.

The following resolutions were presented, read, and ordered to lie over until the next Annual Grand Communication, for further consideration, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge shall have power, at each session, to fix the time of its next meeting.

Resolved, That, hereafter, no Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to a vote in its deliberations, until their Accounts are settled with the Grand Secretary.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to make some disposition of the funds of the Grand Lodge, to prevent losses accruing to the Grand Lodge by depreciation.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge now adjourn, to meet at Corydon, on the second Monday in September next.

No further business being before the Grand Lodge, it was closed, in harmony and love.

Attest: JOHN TIPTON, *G. Master.*

William C. Keen, *G. Sec'y.*

LIST OF LODGES

SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA.

No.	*Name.*	*Place of Meeting.*	*Master.*	*Secretary.*
1.	VINCENNES,	*Vincennes,*	Andrew Gardner,	George F. Jaques.
2.	UNION,	*Madison,*	Nich's D. Grover,	Nathan B. Palmer.
3.	BLAZING STAR,	*Charlestown,*	Isaac Howk,	James Morrison.
4.	LAWRENCEBURG,	*Lawrenceburg,*	John Myers,	James Russell.
5.	PISGAH,	*Corydon,*	Jonath. Jennings,	Harbin H. Moore.
6.	RISING SUN,	*Rising Sun,*	Abel C. Pepper,	Moses Tapley.
7.	VEVAY,	*Vevay,*	William C. Keen,	Nathan'l S. Porter.
8.	ZIF,	*New Albany,*	Asahel Clapp,	William Norman.
9.	POSEY,	*Jeffersonville,*	John Weathers,	Charles M. Taylor.
10.	OLIVE BRANCH,	*Evansville,*	Amos Clark,	John W. Shaw.
11.	HARMONY,	*Brookville,*	John Jacobs,	Harvey Bates.
12.	SCOTT,	*Lexington,*	Jacob Thomas,	James Goodhue.
13.	WASHINGTON,	*Rrownstown,*	William Williams,	Asa Glover.
(U. D.)	TEMPLE,	*Hardinsburg,*	Thomas Palmer,	(Unknown.)
(U. D.)	TERRE HAUTE,	*Terre Haute,*	Peter Allen,	(Unknown.)
(U. D.)	PALESTINE,	*Palestine,*	John Milroy,	Patrick Callum,
(U. D.)	WARREN,	*Connersville,*	John Sample,	(Unknown.)

TIME OF MEETING, OF THE DIFFERENT SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Vincennes Lodge, first Monday in every month; *Union Lodge*, Thursday after full moon; *Blazing Star Lodge*, first Monday in every month; *Lawrenceburg Lodge*, Tuesday preceding full moon; *Pisgah Lodge*, first Monday in every month; *Rising Sun Lodge*, Wednesday preceding full moon; *Vevay Lodge*, Thursday of or preceding full moon; *Zif Lodge*, third Tuesday in every month; *Posey Lodge*, first Saturday in every month; *Olive Branch Lodge*, Wednesday of or preceding full moon; *Harmony Lodge*, (unknown); *Scott Lodge*, (unknown); *Washington Lodge*, Thursday of or preceding full moon; *Temple Lodge*, (unknown); *Terre Haute Lodge*, (unknown); *Palestine Lodge*, Thursday of or preceding full moon; *Warren Lodge*, (unknown).

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

In conformity with a resolution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana, I hereby communicate to you an abstract of the proceedings of said Grand Lodge, for the year of Masonry, 5820,—also, a list of Lodges subordinate to said Grand Lodge; and the expulsions, suspensions, rejections, and reinstatements, etc., communicated since the last Annual Grand Communication.

I am, with sentiments of respect, Worshipful Brother, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM C. KEEN, *Gr. Sec'y.*

Vevay, Switzerland county, Indiana.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT CORYDON, IND.—SEPT. 10, A. D. 1821, A. L. 5821.

M. W., JOHN SHEETS, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Corydon, on Monday the 10th of September, 1821.—Present,

M. W., JOHN TIPTON, Grand Master
R. W., JOHN SHEETS, Deputy Grand Master.
W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, Senior Grand Warden.
" REUBEN W. NELSON, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM H. LILLY, Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" EDWARD B. WILSON, Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
" HARVEY BATES, Grand Junior Deacon.
" JOHN N. DUNBAR, Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
" CHARLES R. WARING, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Past Masters.—John N. Dunbar and Thomas Posey.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Benjamin V. Beckes; Union Lodge, No, 2, John Sheets; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, John S. Simonson and Isaac Naylor; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, William C. Keen, *proxy;* Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, David G. Mitchell, James B. Slaughter, and Armstrong Brandon; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, William C. Keen, *proxy;* Vevay Lodge, No. 7, William C. Keen; Zif Lodge, No. 8, Stephen Beers; Posey Lodge, No. 9, Reuben W. Nelson.

Visitors.—Brothers Harvey Bates, Zenas Kimberly, Samuel Hall, Amos H. Baldwin, Thomas D. Wilson, Lyman Beeman, William Hurst, Dudley Greesham, Cyrus Vigus, Austin Greesham, Francis N. Moore and Jordan Vigus.

The Grand Lodge was opened in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatives aforesaid, presented the Returns of their several Lodges, and their credentials as representatives, to the Grand Secretary.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committees, to-wit:

Brothers JOHN N. DUNBAR, THOMAS POSEY and STEPHEN BEERS,—a committee to examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and receipts of the Grand Charity Fund.

Brothers JONATHAN JENNINGS, REUBEN W. NELSON and BENJAMIN V. BECKES,—a committee to hear and examine into Grievances.

Brothers EDWARD B. WILSON and ISAAC NAYLOR,—a committee to examine attendant and visiting Brethren.

Brothers THOMAS POSEY, EDWARD B. WILSON and ISAAC NAYLOR,—a committee to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation.

Brothers JOHN N. DUNBAR, DAVID G. MITCHELL and WILLIAM H. LILLY,—a committee to examine the Returns of subordinate Lodges, and the Credentials of representatives.

On motion, the Returns of subordinate Lodges were referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials.

Brother *William H. Lilly* presented the following statement of the funds of the Grand Lodge, for the year ending this day, to-wit:

15th September, 1821. Dr. to cash received from the hands of Wm. C. Keen, Grand Secretary, the sum of		$237 50
Cr. by cash paid to Brothers Lodge & Arion, per order, No. 1,	$34 75	
do. " paid to Brother Keen, per order, No. 2,	76 87½	
do. " paid to Brother C. R. Waring, per order, No. 3,	43 37½	
Elihu Stout's Note,	8 00	
		$163 00
Leaving a balance in the Grand Treasury, of		$ 74 50

On motion, the report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the committee on Accounts.

The M. W. Grand Master presented the following report, to-wit.

CORYDON, May 13, 1821.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana:

The undersigned, by authority in him vested, proceeded to congregate, constitute and install, in ample form, the officers of Washington Lodge, No. 13, held at Brownstown, Indiana, on the 17th of October, 1820. On the 24th of the same month, the officers of Warren Lodge, at Connersville, (U. D.). On the 27th of the same month, authorised Brother H. Bates to install the officers of Brookville Harmony Lodge. On the 21st of December, issued a Dispensation to ALEXANDER BUCKNER, Master, *Edward F. Grant*, Senior Warden, and *Joseph McFerson*, Junior Warden, to hold a Lodge in the town of Jackson, in Missouri, by the name of *Unity Lodge;* and authorized Brother Henry Dodge to install the officers of said Lodge. On the 21st of December, 1820, issued a Dispensation to RANDOLPH WEST, Master, *William B. Dimmick*, Senior Warden, and *Walter Wilson*, Junior Warden, to hold a Lodge at Princeton, Indiana, by the name of *Warren Lodge.* On the 14th of March, 1821, issued a Dispensation to Brother ZENAS KIMBERLY, Master, *John Winchil*, Senior Warden, and *Joseph Newton*, Junior Warden, to hold a Lodge at Vernon, Indiana, by the name of *Jennings Lodge.* And on the 13th of May, issued a Dispensation to Brother WILLIAM NASH, Master, *Wilber Hoag*, Senior Warden, and *James Wasson*, Junior Warden, to hold a Lodge at Carlisle, Indiana, by the name of *Hiram Lodge.* And paid to the Grand Secretary fifteen dollars. Submitted by JOHN TIPTON, *G. M. G. L. I.*

On motion the report was laid on the table.

Brother *John N. Dunbar* asked and obtained leave to present a copy of the charges and evidence, exhibited against Brother Thomas C. Davis, late

a member of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, before said Lodge; which were read, and on motion, the documents were referred to the committee on Grievances.

The workings of Warren Lodge, (U. D.), at Connersville; Jennings Lodge, (U. D.), at Vernon; Palestine Lodge, (U. D.), at Palestine, and Warren Lodge, (U. D.), at Princeton, were laid on the Secretary's table; and, on motion,

The proceedings and workings of Lodges under Dispensation, were referred to the committee whose duty it is to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock. JOHN TIPTON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, September 11, 1821.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M.—M. W., JOHN TIPTON, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor, in the third degree of Masonry, in ancient form.

Brother *Jennings*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of Thomas C. Davis, and the documents connected therewith, made the following report:

That the individual, whose case has been inquired into by your committee, was late a member of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, when he was charged with attempting to defraud Brother James Stewart, in the bargain and sale of certain lands. It appears from the evidence in the case, that the charges against Thomas C. Davis are fully supported, and that his expulsion was due to his departure from the principles of our Order. The testimony in the case is not only creditable, but impartial.

The committee, therefore, remark, that when any individual, possessed of a knowledge of his duty as a Mason, can deliberately disregard the obligations, which the moral and social duties of life so strongly impose, it becomes indispensably necessary to the welfare of the Craft, and to the adorning the sublime principles we profess, to close against him, forever, the door of Masonry. The committee, therefore, submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the decision of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, in the expulsion of Thomas C. Davis, be confirmed.

On motion, the report of the committee was concurred in.

Brother *Dunbar*, from the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report:

Your committee have inspected the Returns of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; Union Lodge, No. 2; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3: Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6; Vevay Lodge, No. 7; Zif Lodge, No. 8, and Posey Lodge, No, 9;—and, after mature examination, are of opinion that the said Returns are correct and should be received. It appears, from a certificate accompanying the Return of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, that Brother William C. Keen has

been appointed their *proxy* in the Grand Lodge; but as the certificate has not the seal of the Lodge attached, your committee deem the appointment insufficient. The Return of Zif Lodge, No 8, is also accompanied by a certificate, that Brothers Stephen Beers and Ansel Abbey are appointed delegates, on the part of said Lodge, to the Grand Lodge; but which certificate, as it regards Brother Ansel Abbey, is deficient on the same account. Brother Beers being, as appears from said Return, Master of said Zif Lodge, is a constitutional representative, as a matter of course.

It is a subject of regret, that these inaccuracies have occurred; but, as it must be desirable to the said Lodges, to have a representative in this Grand Lodge, according to their own appointment, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the nomination of Brother William C. Keen, as the *proxy* of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, and the appointment of Brother Ansel Abbey one of the representatives of Zif Lodge, No. 8, be confirmed by this Grand Lodge; and that they take their seats accordingly.

On motion, the report of the committee was concurred in.

Brother *Posey*, from the committee on the workings of Lodges under Dispensation, made the following report:

Your committee have examined the several documents laid before them, and find in the Return of Warren Lodge at Princeton, of their initiating, passing and raising,—the number of eight passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, at their meeting of the 28th of March, 1821; which, in the opinion of your committee, is more than the constitutional number; as, to initiate, pass, or raise, more than five, we believe to be irregular. Also, their By-Laws, Article 5, Section 1, in the latter part of said Section,—"the Master having the right to appoint the officers, *pro tem.*, in his absence;" which, in the opinion of your committee, is incorrect and unmasonic. Your committee not being furnished with a copy of their proceedings, are unable to report further upon the workings of said Lodge,

Your committee have also examined the Return of Palestine Lodge; and find, in the charges preferred against Brother John T. Osborn—in the first charge, specification first—language which, in the opinion of your committee, is highly improper to be written. Also, in the answer of Brother Osborn to said specification,—which your committee request may be read as a part of this report.

Your committee have also had under consideration, and examined the proceedings of Warren Lodge, Connersville; and Jennings Lodge, Vernon; and find their workings regular;—but observe, that the Dispensation of Jennings Lodge is not returned to this Grand Lodge.

Your committee have also had under consideration and examination, the proceedings of Hiram Lodge, at Carlisle; and find that, at their meeting on the 13th of June last, there appears to have been no presiding Master; and also find in their By-Laws—Article first and Section fourth—that whenever the Chair of the Master shall become vacant, by death, resignation or otherwise, the Lodge, under the direction of the Senior Warden, on the first Lodge night after such vacancy shall occur, is authorized to elect a new Master. Which proceeding, in the opinion of your committee, is a direct violation of the Warrant of Dispensation of said Lodge. And observe, that they find no return of the Warrant of Dispensation to this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the report was referred to the Grand Committee.

The Grand Secretary presented the proceedings had in Vincennes Lodge, No. 15, against Brother Joseph B. Emmerson, who was expelled by said Lodge for unmasonic conduct, and furnished by said Lodge in obedience to an order of the last Grand Communication. The documents were read, and on motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to forward a copy of all the proceedings in said case to Brother Henry Clay.

The Grand Secretary presented the proceedings had before Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, in the case of General W. Johnson, furnished by said Lodge in obedience to an order of the last Grand Communication. The documents were read, and on motion, laid on the table.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from Brother Richard C. Talbott, late Grand Treasurer, including his Account Current and covering the balance due the Grand Lodge; which was read, and on motion, referred to the committee on Accounts.

The Grand Secretary presented communications from foreign Grand Lodges, etc., since the last Grand Communication, to-wit: New York, Maine, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Connecticut, Maryland, Tennessee, New Jersey, Ohio, Massachusetts and Louisiana.

On motion, the communications from the States of Maine and Louisiana were referred to a select committee, to-wit: Brothers Dunbar, Jennings and Posey.

On motion, the communications from foreign Grand Lodges—except those from the States of Maine and Louisiana—were referred to the Grand committee.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to draft and report a code of by-laws for the government of the subordinate Lodges; and that, after being approved of by this Grand Lodge, a copy shall be sent to each subordinate Lodge, with a request that they adopt the same.

Brothers Wilson, Kimberly, Arion and Jennings were appointed said committee.

Brother G. W. Johnson requests the opinion of this Grand Lodge, on the following questions:

1. Can members of a Lodge petition to themselves for the establishment of a new Lodge? 2. Can they vote upon their own petition? 3. Can any other Lodge than the nearest one to the petitioners, recommend a new Lodge? 4. Will any other cause than that of a Lodge being too numerous to work with ease, convenience and advantage, authorize a recommendation and establishment of a new Lodge?

Which were read, and on motion, referred to a select committee, to-wit: Brothers Beckes, Naylor and Beers.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet again at four o'clock this afternoon, and in Grand Committee at two o'clock.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JOHN TIPTON, Grand Master, presiding.

Brother *Isaac Naylor* presented the written request of Brother R. W. Nelson, the representative from Posey Lodge, No. 9, that said Naylor be permitted to act as the *proxy* for said Posey Lodge; which was read, and on motion, Brother Isaac Naylor was received as *proxy* for Posey Lodge, No. 9.

Brother *John Sheets*, D. G. M., Chairman of the Grand Committee, made report; which was read, and on motion,

Resolved, That the report of the Grand Committee be received; and that a Charter issue to Palestine Lodge, which shall hereafter be known as *Palestine Lodge*, No. 14. That a Charter issue to Warren Lodge, which shall hereafter be known as *Warren Lodge*, No. 15. That a Charter issue to Clinton Lodge, which shall hereafter be known as *Clinton Lodge*, No. 16. That a Charter issue to Jennings Lodge, which shall hereafter be known as *Jennings Lodge*, No. 17. That a Charter issue to Hiram Lodge, which shall hereafter be known as *Hiram Lodge*, No. 18.

Brother John S. Simonson was added to the Committee on Grievances, in place of Reuben W. Nelson, who was absent.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the record of the proceedings of Palestine Lodge, in the case of Brother Osborn, as is contained in the third specification of the first charge against said Osborn, and said Osborn's reply thereto, be stricken out; and that said Lodge be instructed to expunge the same from the journal of their proceedings.

On motion, the Grand Committee was discharged from the further examination of the communications from foreign Grand Lodges, and the same were referred to a select committee, to consist of Brothers Jennings, Hall, Bates and Naylor.

Brother *Jennings* presented an account of W. P. Thomasson; which was read, and referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother Samuel Hall, representative from Clinton Lodge, No. 16, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. JOHN TIPTON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, September 12, 1821.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., JOHN TIPTON, Grand Master, presiding.

The M. W. Grand Master presented communications from Brothers Abel C. Pepper, Deputy Grand Lecturer, and Samuel Gwathmey, Junior Grand Warden; which were read, and laid on the table.

The Grand Secretary presented a copy of the proceedings and workings of Unity Lodge, (U. D.), at the town of Jackson, in Missouri; which was read, and referred to the committee on Dispensations.

On motion, the committee on Accounts were instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing the M. W. Grand Master his necessary expenses, in going to and from the several Lodges lately under Dispensation, for the purpose of installing their officers.

Brother *Dunbar*, from the select committee appointed to correspond with the Grand Lodges of Maine and Louisiana, made a report; which was read, and on motion, received and adopted.

Brother *Jennings* presented the written request of Brother Samuel Hall, the representative from Clinton Lodge, No. 16, that Benjamin V. Beckes be permitted to act as the *proxy* of said Lodge; which was read, and on motion, the request was granted.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was requested to make out copies of the answers to the communications from the M. W. Grand Lodges of Maine and Louisiana, and forward the same as speedily as possible.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will not act upon any case of appeal to the Grand Lodge, unless it have all the evidence, in writing, had before the subordinate Lodge (which is proper to be committed to writing), together with the charges and specifications.

Brother *Naylor*, from the select committee, to whom was referred the questions of Brother G. W. Johnson, made the following report, to-wit:

That, in relation to the first and second questions in the said communication, they are clearly of opinion, that members of a Lodge, according to the Constitution and principles of Freemasonry, can not petition to themselves for the establishment of a new Lodge, and consequently, in such case, can not vote upon their own petition.

As to the third question, we are aware that Masonic Brethren, desirous of forming themselves into a Lodge, must apply to the nearest Lodge to their place of residence, for a recommendation to the Grand Lodge. We are, however, of opinion, that wherever such application is made without obtaining the desired recommendation, the Brethren then have a right to make application to the next nearest Lodge, and that it is the duty of such Lodge to recommend them to the Grand Lodge, notwithstanding the refusal of the Lodge to which the first application was made, provided they have no other reason for withholding such recommendation.

On the fourth question, we are of opinion, that so long as a Lodge is not too numerous to work with ease, convenience and advantage, there ought not to be a recommendation for the establishment of a new Lodge, to be composed of a part of the members of the old one.

On motion, the report was referred to the Grand Committee.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, to meet at two o'clock this afternoon; and in Grand Committee immediately.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JOHN TIPTON, Grand Master, presiding.

Brother *Jennings*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following

report in the case of appeal of Brother Joshua Harlan, who was suspended for unmasonic conduct by Warren Lodge, No. 15, then under Dispensation:

That, upon examination of the documents referred to the committee in this case, the charge urged against the petitioner, is numbered the third on the list exhibited. This charge, your committee are of opinion, has been sufficiently supported. The charge and the evidence, connected with the third item or specification, the committee beg leave to make a part of their report, together with the allegations of the petitioner.

Although the petitioner alleged, that the promises made by him to transfer his title to a certain parcel of land, was bottomed on conditions precedent, which were to have been complied with by the person to whom he thus promised to convey said lands; yet the petitioner has failed to show, from any evidence before the committee, that there was any such conditions existing which have not been complied with; nor does it appear that any condition precedent was required to secure the title of the donated part of said land, other than that the donee should be a tanner or blacksmith and make improvements connected therewith in a reasonable time. The decision in this case, by Warren Lodge, was unanimous; nor does it appear that the petitioner, at the time of his trial, expressed any objection to any part of the proceedings, except the final judgment of the Lodge against him. The committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the case of Joshua Harlan, and that it be indefinitely postponed.

On motion, the report was referred to the Grand Committee.

On motion, the committee on Accounts was instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing the former Grand Lecturer his necessary expenses in visiting the several subordinate Lodges, for the purpose of lecturing said Lodges.

Brother *Naylor*, from the select committee, to whom was referred the communications from foreign Grand Lodges, made the following report:

That, from the voluminous and numerous character of these documents, your committee have been able to give them only a very hasty and partial examination; and consequently have not been able to ascertain their intrinsic value and importance to this M. W. Grand Lodge, and the subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction.

Under the firm conviction, that frequent and fraternal communications and friendly correspondence, between the several Grand Lodges of the United States, are well calculated for the dissemination of Masonic information throughout the Union, and have a happy tendency in promoting peace, love and prosperity throughout the Masonic world. Your committee beg leave to recommend to this Grand Lodge the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be directed, immediately after the adjournment thereof, to make out and transmit to each of the respective Grand Lodges, or the respective Secretaries thereof, from whom he has received the aforesaid communications and documents, an appropriate communication, acknowledging the receipt of the same; together with a copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, at its present Annual Communication.

On motion, the report of the committee was received and concurred in.

On motion, the vote concurring in the report of the committee on Grievances, on the appeal of Thomas C. Davis, was reconsidered; and the documents, etc., were referred to the Grand Committee.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That Posey Lodge, No. 9, be directed to show cause, at the next Annual Grand Communication, why the said Lodge initiated an individual within the jurisdiction of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, without the consent of said Pisgah Lodge.

Resolved, That the construction to be given to the ninth Section of the Constitution shall be such as to authorize the R. W. Deputy Grand Master to grant Dispensations to new Lodges, in all cases when the M. W. Grand Master is not personally present, at his residence, at the time any such application is made.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers. The following Brethren were declared duly elected, and were proclaimed accordingly. (The M. W. Grand Master, JOHN TIPTON, having declined a re-election.)

M. W., JOHN SHEETS, Grand Master.
R. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, Deputy Grand Master.
W., THOMAS POSEY, Senior Grand Warden.
" JOHN N. DUNBAR, Junior Grand Warden.
" WILLIAM H. LILLY, Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" EDWARD B. WILSON, Grand Senior Deacon.
" EDMUND J. KIDD, Grand Junior Deacon.
" JOSEPH OGLESBY, Grand Chaplain.
" ISAAC NAYLOR, Grand Orator.
" STEPHEN BEERS, Grand Marshal.
" ROLLIN C. DEWEY, Grand Sword Bearer.
" ANSEL ABBEY, Grand Pursuivant.
" CYRUS VIGUS, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Secretary presented a copy of the proceedings and workings of Terre Haute Lodge, (U. D.), at the town of Terre Haute; which was referred to the committee on Dispensations.

On motion, the M. W. Grand Master (SHEETS), was requested to attend to the lecturing of the different subordinate Lodges in this State,—with power to appoint Assistants.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. JOHN TIPTON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, September 13, 1821.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., JOHN TIPTON, Grand Master, presiding.

Brother Samuel Whittlesey, representative from Hiram Lodge, No. 18, asked for and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Brother *Posey*, from the committee to whom were referred the workings of Lodges under Dispensation, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

That they have examined and had under consideration the workings of Unity Lodge, (U. D.), at the town of Jackson, State of Missouri; and find, at their first meeting on the 24th of February, 1821, after the installation of Master, the other officers were installed; and it does not appear, from their records, that the Past Masters' Lodge was closed prior to their installation. Your committee would beg leave to remark, that the workings of said Lodge, except in the one instance, is correct.

Your committee would, in conformity with the wishes of the Brethren of Unity Lodge, as it appears to this Grand Lodge that there has been established a Grand Lodge for the State of Missouri, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That, as this Grand Lodge has a perfect confidence in the skill and ability of the Brethren of Unity Lodge, (U. D.), that they be permitted to separate from this Grand Lodge; and that this Grand Lodge recommend them to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, to be a Chartered Lodge.

Your committee have also examined the proceedings of Terre Haute Lodge, working under Dispensation; and find the work thereof correct, and are well satisfied with the Masonic ability of the Brethren of said Lodge.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Charter issue to Terre Haute Lodge, which shall hereafter be known as *Terre Haute Lodge*, No. 19; that Dennis Demming be the first Master thereof, *Curtis Gilbert*, the first Senior Warden, and *Robert Sturgus*, the first Junior Warden.

The case of Brother Joseph Jenkins, who complained against Zif Lodge, No. 8, for refusing him the privilege of visiting said Zif Lodge in May, 1820, being under consideration; on motion, the case was indefinitely postponed.

On motion, a committee was appointed, to define the territorial jurisdiction of subordinate Lodges; and Brothers Wilson, Arion and Baldwin were appointed said committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for one hour, and then called to labor again.

The M. W. Grand Master (Tipton) informed the Grand Lodge, that, during the time of refreshment, the Grand Lodge had been convened; and that the M. W., John Sheets, Grand Master elect, had been installed Grand Master of Masons, in and for the State of Indiana, according to ancient usage and with the customary rites and ceremonies; and that the R. W., Jonathan Jennings, had been duly installed Deputy Grand Master.

The other officers elect were then severally and successively installed in their several offices, agreeably to ancient usage.

Brother *Beckes* presented the account of Brothers Lodge & Arion, for printing; which was read, and on motion, referred to the committee on Accounts.

The following resolution was read, and on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Brothers Brandon, Wilson and Dewey:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to charge the dues for membership to the members of Terre Haute Lodge, only for one year, while said Lodge was working under Dispensation.

Brother Z. Kimberly was added to the committee on Accounts, etc.

Brother *Tipton* presented the written request of Brother S. Whittlesey, representative from Hiram Lodge, No. 18, that Brother Benjamin V. Beckes be permitted to act as the *proxy* of said Lodge; which request was granted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until three o'clock; and to meet in Grand Committee, at two o'clock.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JOHN SHEETS, Grand Master, presiding.

Brother *Wilson*, from the select committee, to whom was referred the resolution concerning the dues of Terre Haute Lodge, made a report; which was read, and on motion, received and adopted.

Brother *Dunbar*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, to-wit,

The committee, to inspect the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and to whom was referred the resolution directing an inquiry into the expediency of giving a compensation to the M. W. Grand Master, for services rendered in the organization of Lodges; also, the resolution directing an inquiry into the expediency of remunerating the late Grand Lecturer, for services performed by him,—report in part:

As it appears, satisfactorily to your committee, that expenditures have necessarily been made by the above named officers, in the discharge of the duties imposed on them, they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. W., John Tipton, Past Grand Master, and M. W., John Sheets, late Grand Lecturer, be allowed, out of the funds of this Grand Lodge, the sum of thirty dollars each, as a compensation for their services as aforesaid.

Brother *Jennings*, from the Grand Committee, made a report; which was, on motion, amended to read as follows, to-wit:

Your committee, to whom was referred the introductory communication of Brother General W. Johnson, of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, requesting the opinion of this Grand Lodge on the several questions therein contained, have had the same under consideration, and now beg leave to report:

That, in relation to the first and second questions in the said communication, they are clearly of opinion, that members of a Lodge, according to the constitution and principles of Freemasonry, can petition the same to recommend them to the Grand Lodge or Grand Officer for a Dispensation, (but can not vote on their own petition), and the propriety of Granting the same be left to be judged of by the authority granting the same.

As to the third question, we are of opinion, that Masonic Brethren desirous of forming themselves into a Lodge, must apply to the nearest Lodge to their place of residence, for a recommendation to the Grand Lodge. We are, however, of opinion, that whenever such application is made, without obtaining the desired recommendation, the Brethren then have a right to make application to the next nearest Lodge; and that it is the duty of such Lodge to recommend them to the Grand Lodge, notwithstanding the refusal of the Lodge to which the first application was made, provided they have no other reason for withholding such recommendation.

For an answer to the fourth inquiry, we refer to the Constitution of Masonry.

Which was read, and on motion, the report, as amended, was received and adopted,

Brother *Wilson*, from the select committee, appointed to define the territorial jurisdiction of subordinate Lodges, made the following report:

That they have had the same under consideration; and would say, in their opinion, to sanction the practice of Lodges initiating applicants who live nearer some other Lodge, would be productive of much evil to the Masonic family; and to remedy which, they would beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That each subordinate Lodge have full and complete power over all those who may wish to become members of this Institution, who shall reside nearest such subordinate Lodge; and that no Lodge shall initiate a candidate who may reside nearer some other Lodge, without first notifying said Lodge, nearest which the candidate resides, of his petition, and ascertain of such Lodge whether they have any objection to the petitioner; and if said Lodge objects to the petitioner, it shall be the duty of the Lodge to which he petitions, to reject the same.

Whe Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until ten o'clock, to-morrow morning, and to meet in Grand Committee at nine o'clock.

JOHN SHEETS, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

FRIDAY, September 14, 1821.

The Grand Lodge convened, pursuant to an order from the M. W. Grand Master, and was called to labor in the fifth degree of Masonry for the purpose of installing the Masters of new subordinate Lodges.

Brothers Amos H. Baldwin, of Palestine Lodge, No. 14; Zenas Kimberly, of Jennings Lodge, No. 17, and Harvey Bates, of Warren Lodge, No. 15, were duly installed Masters of their respective Lodges, and received the customary salutations of the Brethren present.

The Grand Lodge was then closed, in ancient form.

JOHN SHEETS, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WM. C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

TEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to labor in the third degree of Masonry.—M. W., JOHN SHEETS, Grand Master, presiding.

Brother *Jennings*, Chairman of the Grand Committee, made the following report, which was received and concurred in:

The Grand Committee have concurred in the report of the committee on Grievances, in the case of Joshua Harlan: and have indefinitely postponed the resolution for the re-consideration of the decision of the Grand Lodge on the report of the committee on Grievances on the appeal of Thomas C. Davis, of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, unanimously, That this Grand Lodge entertain a grateful sense of the services rendered by the M. W. Grand Master, JOHN TIPTON, and tender him their cordial and fraternal wishes for his prosperity and happiness.

Brother *Wilson*, from the select committee appointed to draft a code of by-laws for subordinate Lodges, made the following report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and not having time to discharge the duties, beg leave to ask further time until the next Annual Grand Communication.

On motion, the report was indefinitely postponed, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion, the M. W. Grand Master and R. M. Deputy Grand Master were requested to purchase a carpet for the use of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Dunbar*, from the committee on Accounts, made this further report, which was received and concurred in:

Your committee are sorry to remark, that Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, have so far neglected their duty as to fail in the payment of their dues to this Grand Lodge for two years in succession, and that said Lodge is entirely unrepresented at this Annual Grand Communication. As this neglect is a violation of an imperative provision of our Constitution, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Olive Branch Lodge be suspended from all the privileges of the Order, until they shall pay their arrearages to this Grand Lodge; and that, on the first day of January next, the said Lodge be stricken from off the list of Lodges, and their Charter withdrawn, unless they shall previously pay their said arrearages; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to give due notice of this order to the said Lodge.

The resolution, offered at the last Annual Communication, to-wit: "*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge shall have power, at each session, to fix the time of its next meeting," being under consideration; on motion, the resolution was adopted.

Brother Zenas Kimberly, representative from Jennings Lodge, No. 17, asked for and obtained leave of absence, during the remainder of the session.

Brother *Dunbar* presented the written request of Brother Zenas Kimberly, the representative from Jennings Lodge, No. 17, that Brother Copeland P. J. Arion, of Union Lodge, No. 2, be permitted to act as the *proxy* of said Jennings Lodge; which, on motion, was granted.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JOHN SHEETS, Grand Master, presiding.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the Warrant of Dispensation, granted to Temple Lodge at Hardensburg, be revoked; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify them of the same; and that they be deprived of all the rights and previleges of the Order as a Lodge.

The resolution, offered at the last Annual Communication, to-wit: "*Resolved*, That, hereafter, no Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to a vote in its deliberations, until their accounts are settled with the Grand Secretary," being under consideration; on motion, the resotion was adopted.

The following resolution was presented, read and ordered to lie over until the next Annual Grand communication for further consideration:

Resolved, That the third Section of the Constitution be so amended, as to give the Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters, collectively, one vote, and the Past Masters, collectively, one vote,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to publish a list of suspensions, expulsions and re-instatements by the several subordinate Lodges, since the last Annual Communication, together with such expulsions and suspensions as have been published, in the *Independent Examiner*, printed at Vevay; and that he request all editors within the State to publish the same in their respective papers: *Provided, however*, That no expulsions shall be published, where the expelled Brother takes an appeal within sixty days after his expulsion.

Brother *Posey* presented the written request of Harvey Bates, representative from Warren Lodge, No. 15. that Brother Benjamin V. Beckes, of Vincennes Lodge, be permitted to act as *proxy* of said Warren Lodge; which, on motion, was granted.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer make such disposition of the funds of this Grand Lodge, that now are, or may hereafter come into his hands, as, in his opinion, will prevent loss by depreciation.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to call on the late officers of Temple Lodge, at Hardensburg, and receive the jewels, furniture, etc., heretofore made use of by said Lodge; and that the same be kept subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers David G. Mitchel, John Tipton, Edward B. Wilson and Thomas Posey of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, to act in conjunction with himself, as Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, for thirty minutes, and then called to labor again.

Brother *Dunbar*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, to-wit:

The Committee, appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report:

That there appears to be in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, ... $89 50

That, at the present Annual Grand Communication, the following sums have been received from subordinate Lodges, which are in the hands of the Grand Secretary, to-wit:

From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1,	21 50
" Union Lodge, No. 2,	19 50
" Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3,	20 00
" Pisgah Lodge, No. 5,	27 50
" Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6,	16 50
" Zif Lodge, No. 8,	24 50
" Posey Lodge, No. 9,	10 00
" Warren Lodge, (U. D.),	24 00
" Clinton Lodge, (U, D.),	29 62½
" Jennings Lodge, (U. D.),	44 00
" Hiram Lodge, (U. D.),	29 62½
" Terre Haute Lodge, (U. D.),	6 00
" Unity Lodge, (U. D.),	26 50
" Palestine Lodge, (U. D.),	5 00
	$393 75

That there appears to be due from the following subordinate Lodges, the sums hereafter mentioned, to-wit:

From Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4,	$11 00
" Vevay Lodge, No. 7,	10 00
" Posey Lodge, No. 9,	10 00
" Palestine Lodge, No. 14,	39 00
" Warren Lodge, No. 15,	38 50
" Clinton Lodge, No. 16,	45 37½
" Hiram Lodge, No. 18,	25 37½
" Terre Haute Lodge, No, 19,	49 00
	$228 25

There has been no returns from Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10; Harmony Lodge, No. 11; Scott Lodge, No. 12; Washington Lodge, No. 13, and Temple Lodge, (U. D.). Amount of dues unknown.

RECAPITULATION.

Cash in the Grand Treasurer's hands,	$ 89 50
Amount received by Grand Treasurer from the late Gr. Tr., R. C. Talbott,	188 00
Amount received at this Grand Communication,	304 25
	$581 75
Deduct the amount of claims allowed,	194 50
	$387 25

Your committee have examined the accounts and report of Brother Richard C. Talbott, late Grand Treasurer, and find them correctly balanced.

All of which is respectfully submitted. JOHN N. DUNBAR, Chairman

Received of William C. Keen, Grand Secretary, two hundred and ninety-five dollars and fifty cents, which he has collected as dues for the Grand Lodge.

Corydon, Sept. 14, 1821. WILLIAM H. LILLY, *G. Treas.*

The Grand Secretary also paid an allowance made by committee on Accounts, not included in the above, of $5 87½ in specie, on which he allowed fifty per cent. on current paper,—making a sum for which he is to receive credit, of $8 81¼, and is entitled, in the whole, to a credit of $304 31¼.

The report of the committee on Accounts was read; and on motion,

Resolved, That the report be received, and the accounts, as allowed, paid out of any funds in the Treasury.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have printed, one hundred and fifty copies of Proceedings of this Communication; and that he distribute the same agreeably to the resolution now in force.

No further business being before the Grand Lodge, it was closed, in ancient form, to meet again at CORYDON, on the first Monday in October, in 1822. JOHN SHEETS, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

LIST OF LODGES

SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA.

No.	*Name.*	*Place of Meeting.*	*Master.*	*Secretary.*
1.	VINCENNES,	*Vincennes*,	Henry Ruble,	Elihu Stout.
2.	UNION,	*Madison*,	John Sheets,	John Lodge.
3.	BLAZING STAR,	*Charlestown*,	Woodbr. Parker,	Thomas J. Todd.
4.	LAWRENCEBURG,	*Lawrenceburg*,	Jesse B. Lord,	James Dill.
5.	PISGAH,	*Corydon*,	David G. Mitchell,	John Mefford.
6.	RISING SUN,	*Rising Sun*,	Daniel Tapley,	Moses Tapley.
7.	VEVAY,	*Vevay*,	William C. Keen,	Nathan'l S. Porter.
8.	ZIF,	*New Albany*,	Stephen Beers,	Ansel Abbey.
9.	POSEY,	*Jeffersonville*,	John H. Farnham,	Isaac Cox.
10.	OLIVE BRANCH,	*Evansville*,	Amos Clark, (1820),	John W. Shaw.
11.	HARMONY,	*Brookville*,		
12.	SCOTT,	*Lexington*,		
13.	WASHINGTON,	*Brownstown*,		
14.	PALESTINE,	*Palestine*,		
15.	WARREN,	*Connersville*,	John Sample,	Harvey Bates.
16.	CLINTON,	*Princeton*,	Randolph West,	William Jerauld.
17.	JENNINGS,	*Vernon*,	Zenas Kimberly,	Zenas K. Fulton.
18.	HIRAM,	*Carlisle*,	James Nash,	Wm. C. Whittlesey.
19.	TERRE HAUTE,	*Terre Haute*,	Peter Allen,	Curtis Gilbert.

TIME OF MEETING, OF THE SEVERAL SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Vincennes Lodge, first Monday in every month; *Union Lodge*, Thursday after full moon; *Blazing Star Lodge*, first Monday in every month; *Lawrenceburg Lodge*, Tuesday preceding full moon; *Pisgah Lodge*, first Monday in every month; *Rising Sun Lodge*, Wednesday of, or preceding full moon; *Vevay Lodge*, Thursday of, or preceding full moon; *Zif Lodge*, third Tuesday in every month; *Posey Lodge*, Saturday preceding full moon; *Olive Branch Lodge*, Wednesday of, or preceding full moon; *Harmony Lodge*, (unknown); *Scott Lodge*, (unknown); *Washington Lodge*, Thursday of, or preceding full moon; *Palestine Lodge*, Thursday of, or preceding full moon; *Warren Lodge*, Saturday preceding full moon; *Clinton Lodge*, Monday of, or preceding full moon; *Jennings Lodge*, Thursday of, or preceding full moon; *Hiram Lodge*, Wednesday of, or preceding full moon; *Terre Haute Lodge*, Thursday of, or preceding full moon.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT CORYDON, IND.—OCT. 7, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

M. W., JOHN SHEETS, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Corydon, on Monday the seventh of October, A. L. 5822, A. D. 1822.—Present,

M. W., JOHN SHEETS, Grand Master.
R. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, Deputy Grand Master.
W., THOMAS POSEY, Senior Grand Warden.
" DAVID OLIVER, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM H. LILLY, Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" EDWARD B. WILSON, Grand Senior Deacon.
" EDMUND I. KIDD, Grand Junior Deacon.
" ROLLIN C. DEWEY, Grand Sword Bearer.
" ANSEL ABBEY, Grand Pursuivant.
" CYRUS VIGUS, Grand Steward and Tyler

Past Master.—Edward B. Wilson.

Representatives.—From Union Lodge, No. 2, James F. D. Lanier; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Wm. C. Keen, *proxy*, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Wm, C. Keen, *proxy;* Vevay Lodge, No. 7, Wm. C. Keen, *proxy;* Zif Lodge, No. 8, Ansel Abbey; Posey Lodge, No. 9, John H. Farnham; Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, Franklin Marsh; Brookville Harmony Lodge, No, 11, David Oliver; Palestine Lodge, No. 14, Rollin C. Dewey; Warren Lodge, No. 15, Edmund I. Kidd; Clinton Lodge, No. 16, Hawley Crawford; Jennings Lodge, No. 17, Jonathan Barritt.

Visitors.—William A. Washburn, Lymon Beeman and Samuel Wilson.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in the third degree of Masonry, in ancient form.

The representatives, aforesaid, presented the Returns of their several Lodges, and their credentials as representatives, to the Grand Secretary.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committees, to-wit:

Brothers EDWARD B. WILSON, DAVID OLIVER and JAMES F. D. LANIER,—a committee to examine the Returns of subordinate Lodges, and the credentials of representatives.

Brothers ROLIN C. DEWEY and WILLIAM A. WASHBURN,—a committee to examine attendant and visiting Brethren.

Brothers THOMAS POSEY, FRANKLIN MARSH and ROLLIN C. DEWEY,—a committee to examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the receipts of the Grand Charity Fund.

Brothers JONATHAN JENNINGS, JOHN H. FARNHAM and JONATHAN BARRITT,—a committee to hear and examine into Grievances.

Brothers EDWERD B. WILSON, DAVID OLIVER and JAMES F. D. LANIER,—a committee to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation.

Brothers JOHN H. FARNHAM, EDMUND I. KIDD and WILLIAM A. WASHBURN,—a committee to examine communications from other Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for two hours, and then called to labor again.

On motion, the Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc., were referred to the committee on Credentials.

The Grand Secretary presented communications from other Grand Lodges, received by him since the last Grand Communication, to-wit: New York, Ohio, Vermont, Missouri, Maine, Georgia, Maryland, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New Jersey, Alabama, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Louisiana.

On motion, the communications were referred to the committee on communications from other Grand Lodges.

The Grand Secretary presented the following communications, on the subject of organizing a General Grand Lodge, of the United States:

"*Masonic Notice.*—Those Members of Congress who belong to the Masonic Fraternity, and those visitors of the city who are or have been members of any State Grand Lodge, are respectfully invited to attend a meeting to be held in the Senate Chamber this evening, at seven o'clock, to take into consideration matters of general interest to the Masonic Institution. *March* 9, 1822."

Pursuant to the above notice, published in the *National Intelligencer*, a number of members of the Society of Freemasons, from various parts of the United States, composed of Members of Congress and strangers, assembled at the Capitol, in the City of Washington, March 9th, 1822. Brother THOMAS R. ROSS, (a Member of Congress from the State of Ohio), was appointed Chairman; and Brother *William Darlington*, (Member of Congress from Pennsylvania), Secretary.

Much conversation took place, on the expediency of the general objects of this meeting; various propositions were submitted; and several Brethren offered their views at large. Finally,

The following resolutions, offered by Brother *Henry Clay*, of Kentucky, were adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this meeting, it is expedient, for the general interests of Freemasonry, to constitute a General Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That it be proposed to the several Grand Lodges in the United States to take the subject into their serious consideration, at their next Annual Communications; and that, if they approve of the formation of a General Grand Lodge, it be recommended to them to appoint one or more delegates, to assemble in the City of Washington on the second Monday of February next, to agree on the organization of such Grand Lodge

Resolved, That if two-thirds of the Grand Lodges within the United States concur in the propriety of establishing a General Grand Lodge, it be recommended to them to instruct their representatives to proceed to the formation of a Constitution of a General Grand Lodge, to be subsequently submitted to the several Grand Lodges in the Union, for their ratification; and which being ratified by a majority of them, shall be considered as thenceforth binding on all the Grand Lodges assenting thereto.

Resolved, That the M. W., John Marshall, of Virginia; Henry Clay, of Kentucky; William H. Winder, of Maryland; William S. Cardell, of New York; Joel Abbot, of Georgia; John Holmes, of Maine; Henry Baldwin, of Pennsylvania; John H. Eaton, of Tennessee; William W. Seaton, of Washington; Christopher Rankin, of Mississippi; Thomas R. Ross, of Ohio; H. G. Burton, of North Carolina; and the Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, D. D., of Massachusetts,—be, and they hereby are, appointed a committee to open a correspondence with the respective Grand Lodges within the United States, and to take such measures therein as they may deem expedient to carry the aforesaid resolutions into effect.

The committee, in complying with the above resolutions, are aware that a meeting of individual Masons, however respectable in number and character, could delegate no regular authority in behalf of the Masonic Body; and, if they could, it was unnecessary. This paper will, therefore, be understood as it is intended—a proceeding, originating in the necessity of the case, to adopt some mode by which the general views of Masons in the different States of the American Union may be ascertained.

The history of the Masonic Institution shows that, though established among various nations, it was, in each country, confined to a comparatively small number. The jurisdiction exercised by Grand Lodges, like almost every exertion of power or of moral influence, was concentrated in different capital cities. The subordinate Lodges were few in number, and their connection with the supreme head was very direct. Till within a recent period, it is believed, no great number of Lodges have been united under a single jurisdiction. The art of printing and other causes have produced great changes in the condition of the world, and these causes have operated in their full proportion on the Society of Freemasons. The sphere of civilization is greatly enlarging its boundaries; intellectual attainments and the influence of moral operations are taking the place of brute force; known principles and laws are recognized, and the advantages of cultivated reason are shared by an increased proportion of mankind. Under these circumstances Masonry has been extended, and its Lodges so multiplied as to make their proper conduct a subject of much interest to the friends of the Society.

There are two points which at once present themselves in connection with the idea of establishing a General Grand Lodge of the United States. The first is, to acquire, in a correspondence with foreign nations, an elevated stand for the Masonry of this country,—to unite with them in maintaining its general principles in their purity; and secondly, to preserve, between our own States, that uniformity in work, and that active interchange of good offices, which would be difficult, if not impossible, by other means.

The committee do not presume to instruct their Brethren in the nature of an Institution in which they have a common interest. They are governed by a few plain considerations known to all who have attended to the subject.

The antiquity of the Masonic Society, extending so far beyond all other human associations, seizes the attention, and the mind is naturally impressed with feelings of interest for an Institution transmitted to us through the long train of a hundred ages. Time, which destroys all perishable things, seems to have consolidated the pillars of this moral Temple. We contemplate the long catalogue of excellent men who have been equally the supporters of Masonry and the ornaments of human nature; and, we say, almost unconsciously, that the present generation, with all its lights, must not tarnish the name of an Institution, consecrated by so many circumstances calculated to endear it to the mind of a good man.

Without making invidious comparisons between the United States and other portions of the world, there are some great considerations of responsibility, which our intelligent citizens, accustomed to reflect on the affairs of nations, can not overlook. The Masons of the United States, in character as such, have their full share of this moral responsibility. They will consider their Institution as one of the great social causes to allay low-minded jealousies between nations at peace; and in war to mitigate the horrors it can not avert. While they offer their gratitude to a Beneficent Providence for their own blessings, they will not be regardless of their obligations to their Brethren throughout the world.

These reflections, drawn from the external circumstances of Masonry, are strengthened by the consideration of its intrinsic nature. Its foundation is fixed in the social feelings and the best principles of the human mind. Its maxims are the lessons of virtue reduced to their practicable application. It stands opposed to sordidness,—to jealousy or revengeful temper,—to all the selfish and malevolent passions; it coincides with the highest motives of patriotism,—the most expanded philanthropy; and concentrates all its precepts in reverence to a Divine Creator, and good will to man.

The United States are supposed to contain near 80,000 Freemasons. They are generally in the vigor of manhood, and capable of much active usefulness. Notwithstanding the abuses in some places by the admission of unworthy members, they are, as a body, above mediocrity in character and talent. It becomes an interesting question how the energies of this Body can be best combined to give effect to the benevolent design of their association.

From causes which need no explanation, the Masonic jurisdiction in this country has taken its form from the political divisions. The modification which it has undergone, from the spirit of our civil institutions, has its benefits and its defects. Each of our State jurisdictions is supreme within itself. Whatever collisions may exist,—whatever departures from the correct standard, in principle or in rites,—whatever injury to the common cause; there is no mode assigned to obviate the wrongs which it is the interest of all to prevent. There is no provision for a systematic interchange of Masonic intelligence. In one or two instances there are already two or more Grand Lodges in the same State, each claiming superior jurisdiction, and with no acknowledged boundaries between them. Will not these evils increase as our population becomes more dense, unless means be seasonably used to guard against them? Is the difference now prevailing between different States an evil which calls for remedy? Every good Mason must wish chiefly for the harmony of the general Institution; for the Society is so formed that no particular part, however meritorious by itself, can continue to prosper, if the body at large is brought into disgrace. Is the Masonry of our country at present a great arch without a key-stone? Is it not in danger of falling? Are not many of the books which are published in the name of the Masonic Institution, derogatory to its character and interest?

It is not the design of the committee to enter into arguments on this subject; nor to lay down their own opinions as a guide for those better able to judge; but to proceed to the only duty required of them to perform.

According to the preceding resolutions, the committee are to submit the question whether it be expedient that a Grand Lodge of the United States be formed; and, secondly, to request those Grand Lodges which approve that object, to appoint delegates to meet at Washington, on the second Monday of February next, to take such measures as may be deemed most proper for the organization of such General Grand Lodge.

It is requested that this letter may not be published in newspapers; but submitted to the several Grand Lodges, and distributed among Masons, as a subject concerning the affairs of their own Body.

If the information furnished to the committee should render it expedient, perhaps another letter may be forwarded, giving a statement of such facts as may be interesting to be known, previous to a final decision on the course to be taken.

An answer is requested with a free expression of opinion on the subject of this communication. Such answer may be directed to any member of the committee, or, in particular, to WILLIAM W. SEATON, Esq., *Washington.*

HENRY CLAY,	JOHN H. EATON,
WILLIAM H. WINDER,	WILLIAM W. SEATON,
WILLIAM S. CARDELL,	CHRISTOPHER RANKIN,
JOEL ABBOT,	THOMAS R. ROSS,
JOHN HOLMES,	H. G. BURTON,
HENRY BALDWIN,	THADDEUS M. HARRIS.

GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY, *August* 30, 1822.

The committee on foreign communications, offered a report; which was read, and on motion of Brother *Barry*, ordered to be recommitted to a select committee, with instructions to report against the proposition to establish a General Grand Lodge in the United States.

The select committee, to whom was recommitted the report of the committee upon foreign communications, have, agreeably to order, had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

That they have taken into their deliberation, the proceedings of a number of members of the Society of Freemasons, from various parts of the United States, composed of Members of Congress and strangers assembled at the Capitol, in the City of Washington, March 9th, 1822,—recommending the adoption of a General Grand Lodge of the United States. They have viewed this communication, with all the deference so eminently due to its distinguished source, yet, at the same time, with the freedom and frankness characteristic of our Order, and solicited by the respectable assemblage at Washington.

In contemplating this project, for superadding another story to the civil fabric of Masonry, it may not be improper to view the causes and necessity which led to the creation of Grand Lodges.

It is a fact familiar to every Mason, that the essence of the Order,—its noble precepts of benevolence and charity, at once the protection and glory of the Brothers of the mystic tie,—are to be found in the Lodge, emphatically so called, untrammelled by any other governmental connection or municipal machinery whatever, independent of the existence of Grand Lodges, and before they were ever thought of by the Fraternity.

It is here that Masonry first displays itself, in a palpable external shape. It is in

this social form, that the excellencies of Masonry are practically inculcated upon its votaries, and all the virtues of the heart are cherished and nourished into the full bloom and perfect fruit.

What, then, is the necessity of a Grand Lodge? Principally, we answer, as a convenient appellate Body from the decisions of the subordinate Lodges, affecting personal feeling and character.

It has, no doubt, other valuable effects in congregating Masonic characters to a considerable extent, as all social assemblies have; but this is the essential feature which endears it to the Craft. It is our city of refuge in distress,—it is our asylum from oppression or mistake.

But does any necessity of this kind extend to a General Grand Lodge? The operation of Masonry is essentially domestic and private; it delights in the offices of private friendship and charity,—to reconcile its members suffering under erroneous impressions of each other, or the victims of momentary passion.

The widow and the orphan, in fine, the removal of distress in every possible shape, are the darling objects and essential element of Masonic activity; all else is subordinate, or matter of pure unmixed expediency. Does this expediency exist in favor of the present proposition? We think, most decidedly not.

Innovation in practical institutions, is at all times *prima facie* improper.

The lamentable lessons, which are read to us, in the commotions and calamitous revolutions of empires, conclusively establish this truth. On every occasion of essential alterations, in matters affecting the actual concerns and feelings of men, the necessity should be imperative, the remedy clear and unequivocal. But if these maxims are consecrated by experience, in the affairs of political government, how infinitely more obligatory are they in a moral institution, vitally depending upon unanimity and harmony among its members, and beheld through the long vista of "an hundred ages." Innovation in Masonry, properly and essentially so called, is, we all know, a solecism,—the thing has not, can not be. But yet we think the most scrupulous caution should extend to the changes of its great leading, municipal regulations.

We should not proceed one step beyond the evident dictates of imperious necessity. Let us now for a moment contrast the imperfect sketch which has been given of the Lodge, and the Grand Lodge, with the operation of a General Grand Lodge. The latter is a distant and national institution; it could scarcely touch us in a solitary point of affection,—it could afford no remedy in distress,—it could hardly cultivate any social sympathies beyond the present system of Masonic intercourse; and so far from coming home to the domestic circle with its charities and good offices, it soars almost at a sightless and heartless distance from us all.

Its moral superintendence is, therefore, an impossibility. What, then, is it to do? Is it to superintend the Grand Lodges of the United States? What are its peculiar capacities and aptitudes for this extensive office? But, while we distinctly state, that no domestic necessity is known under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge or from its foreign correspondence, requiring the creation of a General Grand Lodge, yet, in courtesy to the eminent Brethren who have addressed this communication to us, we will attend to the reasons which they have assigned for this measure.

They observe, that "There are two points which at once present themselves in connection with the idea of establishing a General Grand Lodge of the United States. The first is to acquire, in a correspondence with foreign nations, an elevated stand for the Masonry of this country,—to unite with them in maintaining its general principles in their purity; and secondly, to preserve, between our own States,

that uniformity in work, and that active interchange of good offices, which would be difficult, if not impossible, by other means."

The committee can not resist the expression of their most painful regret, that an object so purely political, so foreign and extraneous to the lowly and benevolent principles of the Masonic Institution, should have allured their worthy Brethren at the metropolis of the Union, into its splendid snares.

How is the Masonry of the United States to acquire an elevated stand with foreign nations, but by living up to its sublime precepts?—by meeting upon the level, and parting upon the square,—by continuing the same good old course, which has raised the Institution to its present high and dignified standing?

If there is any other mode of accomplishing this object, we know it not.

But how is a General Grand Lodge to increase the active virtues of Masons, or restrain their ill propensities? Certainly not by any edicts from Washington, nor by any magic of Masonic degrees. How, then, is it to aid the subordinate—or as we would rather say—the original Lodges, in the cultivation of Masonic virtues? But our distinguished correspondents at Washington say, we might unite with foreign nations in maintaining the general principles of Masonry in their purity.

If we do not now so unite, it is a novelty to us,—it is more,—it is a novelty in Masonry. What diversity or difficulty now exists, in this maintenance of the pure principles of the Order, we are utterly at a loss to know.

Again, we are told that a General Grand Lodge would "preserve, between our own States, that uniformity in work and that active interchange of good offices, which would be difficult, if not impossible, by other means." We have always been taught, and are still most firmly of the belief, that Masonic work was substantially uniform all over the earth. It has ever been the pride, and is still the great excellence of the Society, that its language is universal and uniform.

How, otherwise, do the Brethren of different climes and various languages—whether in the turmoil of battle, or the dark silence of night—mutually recognize each other?

The deformity, or discrepancies, then impliedly complained of, must be of the more trivial description, more worthy the attention of a Martinet, than a solid soldier.

May we not urge the principle of uniformity in Masonic minutiæ, (and no other diversities can exist), to as injudicious a degree, as it has vainly been attempted in religion.

If a celebrated emperor was astonished, when no two watches would exactly agree in denoting time, that he should have so pertinaciously attempted to make the human mind agree in religion,—ought we not to avail ourselves of this lesson, and carefully to guard against losing the good we so preëminently possess, in pursuit of an imaginary, perhaps an impracticable addition? The present uniformity of Masonry,—its tongue the only universal one upon the surface of the globe, so long the desideratum of scholars,—protects and cherishes, endears and identifies its members with one another, all over the world.

And what more ought we to want? Is it unfortunately true, as we might infer from the Washington correspondence, that the active interchange of good offices between the Freemasons of our own States, is difficult, if not impossible, from the present means of communication? On the contrary, does it not flourish with unparalleled harmony, and to an unequalled extent? What speck of discontent is there visible on the Masonic horizon? and if there were, how portentous must it be to justify this momentous change, in the external government of Freemasons? Let

us not, in quest of precise uniformity in nonessentials, degrade our sublime and moral Institution into a ritual of forms and ceremonies,—a manual of mechanical movements,—to the neglect of its high-souled virtues, which recommend it to every generous and noble heart.

Let us not, in the fullness of Masonic prosperity, ungratefully requite the beneficence of Heaven, by aiming at a perfection denied to mortals.

But independent of these objections, we are opposed to this project from our dread of its pervertion to political purposes.

Not that, for one moment, or in any way, we would ascribe such views to our excellent and distinguished correspondents, they are utterly incapable of supporting such schemes; but this circumstance does not exempt the proposed institution, from its capacity of political alliance.

We dread the slightest approximation, the remotest prospect of so unhallowed a perversion of the Order.

We should ever deplore the destruction of a Society, famed through such a lapse of centuries, for its undeviating cultivation of the human heart. Its subservience to the malignant passions, and the cruel animositics of political strife, would be a sad blight in the moral world.

The very thought is distressing to every friend of man. The social charities of Masonic life, are too dear to risk upon this trackless ocean of experiment.

We want no more government than that we have so long enjoyed, with increasing felicity and prosperity. What could compensate this Grand Lodge, or the Society at large, if this new project should excite so large a schism as a third of the Grand Lodges of the United States; yet the proposed General Grand Lodge may go into existence, upon its very face of proposal, with a minority so fearful to every good Mason.

What then, would become of our boasted harmony and uniformity, thus eagerly sought? All lost in this wanton change and innovation; new barriers of division raised up; sects of modern and ancient Masons created,—as of late unhappily existed in England. These reasons apply in a remoter degree to the project of a convention, with advisory power, as proposed by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This Grand Lodge ought to see the necessity of this step, before it sanctions a meeting with such undefined objects. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, that, in the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, it is inexpedient to form a General Grand Lodge of the United States; and further, that it is unnecessary to adopt any measures for an occasional convocation of delegates from the different Grand Lodges of the respective States, as proposed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing report and resolutions to the different Grand Lodges throughout the United States, and one copy of the same to William W. Seaton, Esq., at the City of Washington, agreeably to the request contained in the communication referred to your committee.

WM. T. BARRY, *Ch.*,
J. SPEED SMITH, } Com.
MANN BUTLER,

Which several communications were read, and referred to a select committee—of John H. Farnham, William C. Keen, Thomas Posey, David Oliver, Edward B. Wilson, Rollin C. Dewey and James F. D. Lanier.

Brother *Farnham* moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was read and laid over for consideration till to-morrow morning, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Grand Lodge be authorized to receive notes on the Treasury of the State of Indiana, at their nominal value, in discharge of all past dues, and in payment of contributions from the several Lodges for the present year.

Brother *Keen* presented the following letter from Brother Joseph H. Coburn, to-wit:

Your petitioner, the undersigned, a member of Lawrenceburg Lodge, No 4, in the State of Indiana, and under your jurisdiction, respectfully represents: That on the 26th of August, 1820, he was, by a vote of said Lodge, suspended from all the privileges and benefits of Masonry, for the space of six months, for unmasonic conduct, which had previously thereto happened, as they supposed. The justice or injustice of that sentence, your petitioner will not now call into question; nor is it necessary, as he submitted to it, without a murmur. But your petitioner, after the expiration of the suspension aforesaid, at a regular meeting held on the evening of the 27th day of August, 1822, presented himself at the door of the Lodge for admission, according to ancient custom. He was astonished, to find that the Master refused him admittance, and has continued ever since, to refuse him admittance; and he has reason to believe that no vote of the Lodge was taken on the subject; but that he was arbitrarily refused admission by the person then acting as Worshipful Master, for reasons to the said Worshipful Master best known. Your petitioner, however, having suffered the penalty inflicted by the Lodge, for his deviation from duty, if any was committed and having cheerfully submitted thereto, conceives and believes, that in refusing him admittance in the Lodge, the Worshipful Master has erred. He, therefore, trusts that, as the Lodge is under your jurisdiction and superintendence, you will oblige them to restore him to his rights and privileges. And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

JOSEPH H. COBURN.

Which was read, and on motion, referred to the committee on Grievances.

The workings of St. John's Lodge (U. D.), at Columbus, and Warren Lodge, at Salem, were laid on the Secretary's table; and on motion, the workings of Lodges under Dispensation were referred to the committee on Dispensations.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock. JOHN SHEETS, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, October 8, 1822.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., JOHN SHEETS, Grand Master, presiding.

Brother *Farnham* made the following report:

The committee on foreign communications, beg leave to report: That they have perused communications from fifteen Grand Lodges of our sister States; among which they hail, with pleasure, those of Alabama and Missouri, two Grand Lodges

recently organized; and from which, for the first time, this Grand Lodge has received authentic intelligence. On this flattering accession to the cause of Masonry, we offer our Brethren in the west, our cordial congratulations.

The committee recommend an interchange of communications, as usual, with the several Grand Lodges, and propose the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, a perfect acquaintance with the signatures of the Grand Officers of the several Grand Lodges holding correspondence with each other, is of material importance in testing the authenticity of papers professedly issuing from under the hands and by the authority of them; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, when communicating to the respective Grand Lodges with whom a correspondence is preserved, the result of any election of officers of this Grand Lodge, wherein a change may have been made,—shall accompany the same with the signatures of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, written with their own proper hand, and duly authenticated under his hand and the seal of this Grand Lodge; together with a request to each and every such Grand Lodge, that they will forthwith, and as often hereafter, as by any change of Grand Officers, it may be rendered important, furnish to this Grand Lodge a similar document.

Which was read, and on motion, received and concurred in.

Brother *William H. Lilly*, Grand Treasurer, submitted the following report, which was read, and referred to the committee on Accounts:

There remained in my hands on the 10th of September, 1821, including a note against Brother E. Stout,	$ 74 50	
Cash received of Brother Grand Secretary, Sept. 14, 1821,	295 50	
Henry P. Thornton's due bill,	5 00	
Received of Brother Richard C. Talbott, late Gr. Tr., in Kentucky paper,	183 00	
		$558 00
Debtor.—Sept. 4, 1821, To cash paid Wilson & Bayless,	$ 9 00	
do. " William C. Keen,	63 25	
do. " Lodge & Arion,	73 00	
do. " Charles R. Waring,	12 00	
do. " Cyrus Vigus,	7 50	
do. " David Craig,	16 75	
do. " John Sheets,	30 00	
do. " John Tipton,	30 00	
do. loaned John Tipton,	21 50	
do. " Thomas Douglas,	36 00	
do. " John N. Dunbar,	35 00	
		$334 00
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, including notes, etc., of this sum,		$224 00

Brother Isaac Naylor was added to the committee to examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

The representative from Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, presented the Return of said Lodge; and an appeal from the decision of said Lodge, by Brother James Fowler, a Master Mason, who petitioned to become a member of said Lodge, and was rejected. And the representative from Hiram Lodge, No. 18, presented the Return of said Lodge.

On motion, the Returns of said Blazing Star Lodge and Hiram Lodge were referred to the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges; and the appeal of Brother Fowler was referred to the committee on Grievances.

Brother *Tipton* presented the written request of Brother Joseph B. Wasson, representative from Hiram Lodge, No. 18, that Brother John Tipton be permitted to act as the *proxy* of the said Lodge; which was read, and on motion, the request was granted.

Brother *Farnham* introduced the following resolution, which was read, and referred to the Grand Committee, to-wit:

Resolved, That, hereafter, the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be entitled to receive from the general fund, ... per cent. commission on the amount by him received, as a compensation for his services; and that he, as well as the Grand Secretary, before they shall be permitted to enter on the duties of their respective offices, shall be required to execute their respective bonds,—with security satisfactory to the Grand Master and Grand Wardens for the time being, as trustees of the Grand Lodge,—in the penalty of ..... dollars each; conditioned, that the said officers shall faithfully execute the duties of their respective offices, so far as relates to the sums of money or other property of the said Lodge, which may come into their hands or possession.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, for two hours, and then called to labor again.

The workings of Albion Lodge, (U. D.), at Albion, Illinois, was referred to the committee on Dispensations.

The Grand Secretary presented a letter and petition from Bloomington Lodge (U. D.), apologizing for not returning the Dispensation heretofore granted, together with the workings of said Lodge, and requesting to be continued under Dispensation until the next Communication of this Grand Lodge; which was read, and the prayer of the petitioners granted.

Brother *Farnham*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, referred to the Grand Committee:

That they have, according to order, had under consideration, a transcript of the proceedings of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, Charlestown, in the case of Brother James Fowler, a Master Mason; and, after an attentive examination of said case, beg leave to report: That, from the transcript exhibited, it appears that the said Fowler, in the month of January, 1822, petitioned said Lodge for a membership; which petition, after laying over for two meetings, was rejected. That at the third regular meeting, after said rejection, a motion was made and carried, to reconsider said rejection; and at the next (fourth) regular meeting, after the vote of reconsideration, the said petition was again rejected. The transcript, it is understood, is presented to this Grand Lodge by the rejected Brother, by way of appeal from the proceedings of Blazing Star Lodge.

Your committee entertain no doubt, that in rejecting the appellant, the Lodge exercised one of their undoubted rights; and that they did so with caution and deliberation, appears very fully from the length of time the subject was repeatedly before them. The committee, therefore, pray the Grand Lodge to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Grand Secretary made report, which was read and filed, to-wit:

That he had performed the duties required of him, by the several resolutions passed at the last Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge; that he called on the officers of Temple Lodge, (U. D.), at Hardensburg, and received one set of

tin jewels, three small tables, one trunk, four dollars and twenty-eight and a fourth cents in specie, one dollar in Kentucky paper, fifty cents in Lawrenceburg paper, five dollars on the Farmers and Mechanics bank of Cincinnati, and accounts against sundry persons, many of whom are reported as being unable to pay the same, for forty-nine dollars and ninety-seven cents.

Brother *Wilson*, from the committee appointed to examine the Returns of subordinate Lodges and the credentials of the several representatives, submitted the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

Your committee have examined the Returns of Jennings Lodge, No. 17; Union Lodge, No. 2; Harmony Lodge, No. 11; Zif Lodge, No. 8; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6; Warren Lodge, No. 15; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3; Hiram Lodge, No. 18, and Posey Lodge, No. 9.

From the respective certificates accompanying the above Returns, it appears that Brothers Jonathan Barritt, from Jennings Lodge, No. 17; James F. D. Lanier, from Union Lodge, No. 2; David Oliver, from Harmony Lodge, No. 11; William C. Keen, (*proxy*), from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; William C. Keen, (*proxy*), from Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6; Edmund I. Kidd, from Warren Lodge, No. 15; Ansel Abbey, from Zif Lodge, No. 8; Franklin Marsh, from Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10; Isaac Naylor, from Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3; John Tipton, (*proxy*), from Hiram Lodge, No. 18, and John H. Farnham, from Posey Lodge, No. 9, have a right to their seats as representatives from said Lodges; and, after mature examination, are of opinion, that the said Returns, and credentials of the representatives, are correct and should be received.

From a certificate accompanying Vevay Lodge, No. 7, it appears that Brother William C. Keen was appointed, by the Master of said Lodge, their *proxy*, without the act of the Lodge; which we deem an incorrect proceeding, not warranted by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge,—but recommend that the Grand Lodge receive the same, and recognize Brother Keen as their representative.

On motion, Brother Wm. C. Keen was received as the *proxy* of Vevay Lodge, No. 7.

Brother *Wilson*, from the committee, appointed to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, referred to the Grand Committee, to-wit:

Your committee have examined the proceedings of Warren Lodge, (U. D.), at Salem. After carefully examining their records, find that they have worked correctly and agreeably to the ancient form and usage of the Craft.

They have also carefully examined the records of St. John's Lodge, (U. D.), at Columbus; and are sorry to state, that they have discovered the following, as we conceive, a departure from a correct mode of proceeding, and objections to their By-Laws: 1. Their Dispensation is not recorded, which is expressly required in the body of the Dispensation. 2. No Tyler at their respective meetings of April 1st, April 3d, and April 13th, 1822. In Article 7th, Section 6th of the By-Laws, giving power to the Worshipful Master to refuse a visiting Brother admittance within the Lodge, whose character is bad; which we deem an unwarrantable power given to the Master. The 9th Section in Article 5th, authorizes the taking of promissory notes, of the candidates for entering, passing and raising. For the general benefit of Masonry, we would particularly recommend an attention in this particular.

From the certificate attending Harmony Lodge, at Salem, it appears that William A. Washburn was appointed their *proxy*, to represent them in the next Grand Lodge. And St. John's Lodge, at Columbus, also appointed Brother William A. Washburn their *proxy*, to represent them in the next Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for one hour, and then called to labor again.

Brother *Lanier*, from the committee to examine the Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc., made the following additional report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in, to-wit:

That, after examining the Returns from Palestine Lodge, No. 14; Clinton Lodge, No. 16, and Pisgah Lodge, No, 5, do find them correct and recommend that they be received by this Grand Lodge.

From a certificate, attending the Return of Palestine Lodge, No. 14, it appeared that Brother Rollin C. Dewey was duly elected to represent them in this Grand Lodge.

By the certificate, attending the Return of Clinton Lodge, No. 16, it appears that Brother Hawley Crawford, was elected to represent the said Lodge in this Grand Lodge. And that Brother Jordan Vigus is the legal representative from Pisgah Lodge, No. 5.

The certificate of James F. Moffatt was read, certifying that he installed the officers of Hiram Lodge, No. 18, on the 27th of September, 1821, having been authorized so to do by Grand Master TIPTON. And that, by virtue of a Dispensation from Grand Master SHEETS, he installed the officers of Albion Lodge, on the 13th of April, 1822.

Brother *Farnham*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in, to-wit:

That the committee have had under consideration, the petition of Joseph H. Coburn, late of Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4.

It appears from said petition, that said Coburn was, on the 26th of August, 1820, by a vote of said Lodge, suspended for unmasonic conduct, for the period of six months; in which sentence of the Lodge, the suspended Brother acquiesced without complaint. That the petitioner, after the expiration of the said six months, applied to the Lodge for admission, as a member of the same; that he was refused admission then, and has been refused whenever he made application since. The Petitioner is of opinion that no vote of the Lodge was taken on the subject, but that the Master arbitrarily exercised his power, without consulting the Lodge. No evidence has been presented to the committee to invalidate or impeach the statement of the petitioner.

Without deciding whether the Master acted arbitrarily or conscientiously, this committee entertain no doubt that he acted erroneously. After the infliction of a punishment prescribed by the Lodge, in its nature temporary and limited, we conceive that when that limit expired, the offending Brother was immediately remitted to all his rights and privileges as a Mason, and member of the Lodge.

That he could not be proceeded against afterward, without personal notice, and opportunity afforded of self defence. To shut the door of the Lodge against a Brother, who has paid the forfeit of his offence, by patiently submitting to the punishment prescribed, is to punish him twice for the same, with aggravated marks of mortification and disgrace.

Your committee, therefore, respectfully propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, in refusing admittance to Brother Joseph H. Coburn, after the expiration of the time for which he was suspended, acted erroneously; and that said Lodge be directed to admit him forthwith, on his application to their door.

Resolved, That Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, be directed to show cause, at the next Annual Grand Communication,—why the said Lodge, through its Master or presiding officer, refused admission to the said Joseph H. Coburn, on his applying for the same, after the expiration of his suspension.

Brother *Thomas Posey*, Chairman of the Grand Committee, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in, to-wit:

In Grand Committee.—The resolution allowing a per centum to the Grand Treasurer, and requiring the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to give bonds, being under consideration; on motion, the further consideration of the resolution was laid over until to-morrow.

The report from the committee on Grievances, in the case of Brother Fowler, being under consideration; on motion, the report was reported to the Grand Lodge without amendment.

The report from the committee, (whose duty it is to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation), on the workings of Columbus and Salem Lodges, being under consideration; on motion, the report was reported to the Grand Lodge without amendment.

On motion, the Grand Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a Charter issue to St. John's Lodge, at Columbus, to be known as *St. John's Lodge*, No. 20; that Brother Hiram Smith be the first Master, *William A. Washburn*, the first Senior Warden, and *Luke Bonesteel*, the first Junior Warden.

Resolved, That a Charter issue to Warren Lodge, at Salem, to be known as *Salem Lodge*, No. 21; that Brother Joseph Durfey be the first Master, *William Baird*, the first Senior Warden, and *John Kingsbury*, the first Junior Warden.

The resolution, offered yesterday, authorizing the Grand Secretary to receive Treasury notes at their nominal value, being under consideration: On motion, the resolution was amended, by adding to the bottom thereof, the following words—"and that those Lodges, who have discharged their dues, in specie, at the present session, shall be entitled to receive, from the Secretary or Treasurer, twenty per cent. on the amount paid by them." Which resolution and amendment being read, and a vote by Lodges called for, were decided in the negative.—Ayes, 9; nays, 11.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. JOHN SHEETS, *G. Master.*

Attest:—William C. Keen, *G. Sec'y.*

Wednesday, October 9, 1822.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., John Sheets, Grand Master, presiding.

Brother *Lanier*, from the committee to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

After carefully examining the Lodge book of Albion Lodge, (U. D.), in the State of Illinois, (with the exception, that their Dispensation is not recorded in the body of their Lodge book, which is enjoined in the words of the Dispensation), are pleased to state, that they found their proceedings strictly correct and in conformity with the ancient customs and usages of the Craft; and recommend a continuance of their Dispensation, agreeably to their request.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following report, which was read and filed:

The undersigned, by the authority in him vested, since the last Grand Communication, has granted the following Dispensations, to-wit:

On the 12th of March, 1822,—to JAMES O. WOTTLES, the first Master, *John B. Johnson*, the first Senior Warden, and *Arnold B. Drake*, the first Junior Warden; to hold a Lodge at Albion, State of Illinois, to be named *Albion Lodge*.

On the 27th of March, 1822,—to HARVEY GREGG, the first Master, *Milo R. Davis*, the first Senior Warden, and *John T. Osburn*, the first Junior Warden; to hold a Lodge at Indianapolis, to be named *Center Lodge*.

On the 29th of March, 1822,—to HIRAM SMITH, the first Master, *William A. Washburn*, the first Senior Warden, and *Luke Boncsteel*, the first Junior Warden; to hold a Lodge at Columbus, to be named *St. John's Lodge*.

On the 21st of June, 1822,—to JOSEPH DURFEY, the first Master, *William Baird*, the first Senior Warden, and *John Kingsbury*, the first Junior Warden; to hold a Lodge at Salem, to be named *Salem Lodge*.

On the 21st of June, 1822,—to CHARLES I. HAND, the first Master, *James Whitcomb*, the first Senior Warden, and *John Robinson*, the first Junior Warden; to hold a Lodge at Bloomington, to be named *Bloomington Lodge*.

JOHN SHEETS, *G. M.*

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution, adopted at the last Annual Grand Communication, directing that Posey Lodge, No. 9, "show cause, at the next Annual Grand Communication, why the said Lodge initiated an individual within the jurisdiction of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, without the consent of said Pisgah Lodge,"—be repealed.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master (JENNINGS) entered and took his seat.

On motion, the Dispensation, heretofore granted to Albion Lodge, Illinois, was continued until the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for one-half hour, and then called to labor again.

Brother Deputy Grand Master, Chairman of the Grand Committee, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

The Grand Committee, according to order, have had under consideration the resotion allowing ..... per centum commission to the Grand Secretary, and requiring the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to give bond and security in the sum of ..... dollars each; and have filled the first blank with "five," and the second with "two thousand," and adopted said resolution with those amendments.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That each subordinate Lodge have full and complete power over all those who may wish to become members of this Institution, who shall reside nearest such subordinate Lodge; and that no Lodge shall initiate any candidate who may reside nearer some other Lodge, without first notifying said Lodge nearest which the candidate resides, of his petition, and ascertain of such Lodge whether they have any objection to the petitioner; and if said Lodge object to the petitioner, it shall be the duty of the Lodge to which he petitions, to reject the same.

On motion, Brothers Farnham and Naylor were appointed a committee to draw the bonds to be executed by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

The resolution, offered at the last Annual Grand Communication, to-wit: "That the Third Section of the Constitution be so amended, as to give the Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters, collectively, one vote; and the Past Masters, collectively, one vote," being read, and under consideration; and on the question—*shall this resolution be adopted?*—it was decided in the negative.

Brother *Tipton* presented the appeal of Thomas N. Aubrey and John Finley, appealing from the decision of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, expelling them from the benefits of Masonry; which was referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to dispose of the jewels, furniture, etc., of Temple Lodge, and take proper means to collect the several sums due said Lodge, and pay the same to the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JOHN SHEETS, Grand Master, presiding.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our worthy Brother, ALEXANDER A. MEEK, Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and our worthy Brother, JOHN N. DUNBAR, Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, have departed this life, since our last Annual Grand Communication; therefore,

Resolved, That, as an evidence of our Masonic regard, and high respect for the Masonic character of those Brethren, we do hereby express our sincere and unfeigned sorrow for the loss which this Grand Lodge, and the Masonic family in general, have sustained by their death.

Brother *Farnham*, from the select committee, to whom was referred the several communications on the subject of organizing a General Grand Lodge in the United States, made the following report:

The committee, to whom was referred the proceedings of a number of members of the Society of Freemasons, from various parts of the United States, composed of Members of Congress and sojourners, assembled at the Capitol, in the City of Washington,

March 9th, 1822, recommending the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States,—report:

That from the pressure of business, and other considerations, they have not been able to give the subject referred to them that full and attentive consideration which its importance imperiously demands. They have, however, ascertained, that serious differences of opinion exist among the most respectable members of the Craft, on the subject of a General Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Lodges of three of our sister States, distinguished for population, wealth and intelligence, are decidedly opposed to the measure contemplated by the assembly at Washington. The want of unanimity, or of a state of feeling approaching very near it, on the contemplated erection of a General Grand Lodge, would alone, it is conceived, be an insuperable objection to the plan. The committee are aware, that on the future constitution of the assembly proposed to be established, would mainly depend the disposition of this Grand Lodge, to accept or reject it. But the objections of the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, New York and Kentucky, are directed against any and every establishment of the kind. In the absence of unanimity or a general disposition to concur in the proposed institution, the committee are of opinion that it will best comport with the duty of this Grand Lodge, to cause the communication from Washington City, together with the principal objections to the same, to be printed in their annual minutes for the information of the Brethren; and that the further consideration of the subject be postponed. In accordance with which sentiment, they offer the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the consideration of the contemplated erection of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, be postponed to the next Annual Grand Communication.

Which was read, and on motion, concurred in.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers; and the following Brethren were declared duly elected, and were thrice proclaimed accordingly:

M. W., John Sheets, Grand Master.
R. W., Jonathan Jennings, Deputy Grand Master.
W., Thomas Posey, Senior Grand Warden.
" John H. Farnham, Junior Grand Warden.
" William H. Lilly, Grand Treasurer.
" William C. Keen, Grand Secretary.
" Edward B. Wilson, Grand Senior Deacon.
" Edmund I. Kidd, Grand Junior Deacon.
" Joseph Oglesby, Grand Chaplain.
" Isaac Naylor, Grand Orator.
" Samuel Wilson, Grand Marshal.
" Rollin C. Dewey, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Thomas D. Wilson, Grand Pursuivant.
" Cyrus Vigus, Grand Steward and Tyler.

On motion, Center Lodge, at Indianapolis, was continued under Dispensation, until the next Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Farnham*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, laid over until to-morrow morning:

The committee on Grievances have had under consideration several papers presented to them, (it is supposed in the nature of an appeal from the decisions of

Pisgah Lodge), by which it appears that John Finley and Thomas N. Aubrey have been expelled from the Lodge. Your committee would state to the Grand Lodge, that no record of the proceedings has been made out by the Secretary of Pisgah Lodge; that the seal is not affixed to any paper or certificate; that there is no appearance of any appeal being asked or demanded; and that the loose papers, on which the committee are called to act, were not handed to the Lodge till the noon of the third day of the meeting of the Grand Lodge. Your committee, therefore, propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, That no papers will be received purporting to be the transcript of a record of a Lodge, unless the seal of the Lodge be thereto affixed, nor unless a complete record, in fair hand, of such proceedings be made out.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will not act on any record, or transcript of a record, unless it appears from the same, that their interposition is requested.

Resolved, That the cases, referred to this committee, be continued till the next Annual Grand Communication; and that the appellants have leave to withdraw their papers, and file others with the Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of the next Communication.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock. JOHN SHEETS, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, October 10, 1822.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., JOHN SHEETS, Grand Master, presiding.

The officers elect were severally and successively installed, agreeably to ancient usage, received their jewels and took their seats.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to issue new Charters on parchment, to each subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which shall be signed by the present officers, and in which shall be inserted the names of the present officers of the subordinate Lodges.

WHEREAS, It appears to this Grand Lodge, that several Lodges, working under the jurisdiction thereof, have failed to pay their respective dues to this Grand Lodge,

Resolved, therefore, That those Lodges which are in arrears with this Grand Lodge, be cited to appear on the first day of the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, to show cause, if any they have or can show, why they shall not be suspended from working, and their Charters surrendered to this Grand Lodge, and they stricken from the list of Lodges.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed, within sixty days from the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, to make out an accurate statement, of the several sums of money due to this Grand Lodge, from the said several Lodges, and transmit to each of the said Lodges the said statement, requesting each of the said Lodges to pay their respective dues into the hands of the Grand Secretary, taking his receipt for the same.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to make out and transmit, within sixty days from the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, a certified copy of these resolutions, under his hand and the seal of this Grand Lodge, to the said Lodges found in arrears with this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That Washington Lodge, No. 13, and Scott Lodge, No. 12, having failed to comply with the nineteenth Section of the Constitution, in not causing themselves to be represented in this Grand Lodge for two successive years, and by neglecting to discharge their dues for said term,—be and hereby are suspended from all the

privileges of the Order, until they comply with both those requisitions; and that, unless the said Lodges shall pay their dues to the Grand Lodge, into the hands of the Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, and send representatives to this Grand Lodge, they shall be stricken from the list of Lodges, and their Charters withdrawn.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of this resolution to each of those Lodges, under the seal of this Grand Lodge, within sixty days after the adjournment thereof.

Brother Jonathan Barritt asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

The report of the committee on Grievances, on the appeal of Thomas N. Aubrey and John Finley, being under consideration; on motion, the further consideration of said report was indefinitely postponed.

Brother *Wilson* presented the written request of Brother Jonathan Barritt, representative from Jennings Lodge, No. 17, that he, the said Samuel Wilson, be permitted to act as the *proxy* from said Lodge; which was read, and on motion the request was granted.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to publish a list of expulsions and re-instatements, by the several subordinate Lodges, since the last Annual Grand Communication, in the *Republican*, printed at Madison; and that he request all editors within the State to publish the same in their respective papers.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have printed, one hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of this Communication; and that he distribute the same agreeably to the resolution now in force.

Whereas, On the 22d of June, 1820, Hezekiah B. Hull, a Master Mason, and a member of Vevay Lodge, No. 7, was expelled for the non-payment of Lodge dues; and whereas, by a letter from the Secretary of Asylum Lodge, No. 6, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, it appears that the said Hezekiah deposited the amount due Vevay Lodge, and became a member of said Asylum Lodge; which money has not been paid to the said Vevay Lodge, and although the said Vevay Lodge has repeatedly directed in what manner it should be transmitted; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, a copy of this resolution, and a copy of the letter of the Secretary of said Asylum Lodge, and request their interference in behalf of the said Vevay Lodge.

Whereas, It has been represented to this Grand Lodge, that the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio received from Brookville Harmony Lodge, formerly No. 41, now No. 11, forty-five dollars for a Charter, long after a Grand Lodge had been established in the State of Indiana, and a considerable sum as Lodge dues; which, of right, ought to have been received by this Grand Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be, and he is hereby authorized to make out an account, and send the same to the Grand Lodge of Ohio for payment of the same.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for one hour, and then called to labor again.

Brother *Farnham*, from the committee, appointed to draw the bonds to be executed by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, made the following verbal report,—That the officers aforesaid had executed bonds, agreeably to the resolution requiring them to do so, which had been approved of by the proper officers. On motion, the bonds were deposited with the Grand Master.

On motion, Brother John H. Farnham was allowed the sum of twenty dollars, for his services as Grand Lecturer for the year 1820.

Brother *Naylor*, from the committee appointed to examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, etc., made the following report, which was read, and on motion concurred in, to-wit:

That there appears to be in the hands of the Grand Treasurer,.....	$ 224 00
At the present Annual Grand Communication, there has been received by the Grand Secretary, from subordinate Lodges, ...	* 220 37½
At the present Annual Grand Communication, there has been received by the Grand Secretary, as arrearages, ($69 75 in specie, and $100 in Kentucky paper),.....	* 169 75
There appears to be due from subordinate Lodges, for 1822, ...	209 62½
There appears to be due from subordinate Lodges previous to 1822,.....	171 50
	$ 994 75
Deduct the amount of claims allowed this session, ...	284 43¾
Leaving in the Treasury, ($329 68¾,—due Grand Lodge, $380 62½),....	$ 710 31¼

The committee have examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer, with the vouchers in his possession, and find them correct.

There was thirty-five dollars loaned to Brother John N. Dunbar, in his life-time, for which there is no voucher.

The M. W. Grand Master, from the committee appointed to procure a carpet for the use of the Grand Lodge, made a verbal report,—That they had not procured one; whereupon, on motion, the committee was discharged.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, as the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is expedient for the general good of Masonry, to continue the practice of publishing the names of persons who are or may be returned by subordinate Lodges as rejected, on their petition for initiation into the privileges of Masonry.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge adjourned,† until the first Monday in October, 1823, to meet at Masons' Hall, in MADISON, Jefferson county.

JOHN SHEETS, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

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* Leaving in the hands of the Grand Secretary, in specie, $290 12½; in Kentucky paper, $100 00.

Received of William C. Keen, Grand Secretary, one hundred dollars, in Kentucky paper, and two hundred and ninety dollars and twelve and a half cents in specie or its equivalent. WILLIAM H. LILLY, *G. Treas.*

† This is the first time "adjourned" is used to *close* a Lodge.—EDITOR.

LIST OF LODGES

SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA.

No.	*Name.*	*Place of Meeting.*	*Master.*	*Secretary.*
1.	VINCENNES,	*Vincennes,*	.....	.....
2.	UNION,	*Madison,*	John Lodge,	James F. D. Lanier.
3.	BLAZING STAR,	*Charlestown,*	John S. Simons.	Thomas I. Todd.
4.	LAWRENCEBURG,	*Lawrenceburg,*	Little W. Johnson,	Thos. F. G. Adams.
5.	PISGAH,	*Corydon,*	Thomas Posey,	John Mefford.
6.	RISING SUN,	*Rising Sun,*	Abel C. Pepper,	Moses Tapley.
7.	VEVAY,	*Vevay,*	Steph. Whicher, jr.,	William C. Keen.
8.	ZIF,	*New Albany,*	Ansel Abbey,	Lathrop Elderkin.
9.	POSEY,	*Jeffersonville,*	Sam'l Gwathmey,	John H. Farnham.
10.	OLIVE BRANCH,	*Evansville,*	.....	Daniel Avery.
11.	HARMONY,	*Brookville,*	John Jacobs,	Henry Jenkinson.
12.	SCOTT,	*Lexington,*	.....	.....
13.	WASHINGTON,	*Brownstown,*	.....	.....
14.	PALESTINE,	*Palestine,*	Winthrop Foot,	John Brown.
15.	WARREN,	*Connersville,*	Abner Baily,	Martin M. Ray.
16.	CLINTON,	*Princeton,*	John I. Neely,	Matth. R. Southard.
17.	JENNINGS,	*Vernon,*	Zenas K. Fulton,	William A. Bullock.
18.	HIRAM,	*Carlisle,*	James Wasson,	Henry W. Dunford.
19.	TERRE HAUTE,	*Terre Haute,*	.....	.....
20.	ST. JOHN'S,	*Columbus,*	.....	.....
21,	SALEM,	*Salem,*	.....	....

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT MADISON, IND.—OCT. 6, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

R. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, *D. G. M., Presiding.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Madison, on Monday the sixth of October, A. L. 5823, A. D. 1823.—Present,

M. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, Past J. G. W., in the Chair.
W., JAMES NESMITH, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" STEPHEN WHICHER, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM H. LILLY, Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" ROLLIN C. DEWEY, G. S. B., and G. S. D. *pro tem.*
" MOSES C. FITCH, Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
" CYRUS VIGUS, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Representatives.—From Union Lodge, No. 2, Nicholas D. Grover, C. P. J. Arion and Amzi Douglass; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, Thomas I. Todd; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, William H. Lilly; Vevay Lodge, No. 7, Stephen Whicher, jr.; Zif Lodge, No. 8, Mason C. Fitch; Posey Lodge, No. 9, James Nesmith; Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, James F. D. Lanier, *proxy;* Palestine Lodge, No. 14, Rollin C. Dewey; St. John's Lodge, No. 20, Joseph L. Washburn.

Visitors.—Brothers Nathaniel Bayless, Jonah S. Sheets, J. B. Westgate, Charles I. Hand, James Rague and Harvey Gregg.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in the third degree of Masonry, in ancient form.

The representatives aforesaid, presented the Returns of their several Lodges, and their credentials as representatives, to the Grand Secretary.

The Most Worshipful appointed the following committees, to-wit:

Brothers NESMITH, WHICHER and DEWEY,—a committee to examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and the receipts of the Grand Charity Fund.

Brothers LILLY, ARION and TODD,—a committee to examine into Grievances.

Brothers GROVER and HAND,—a committee to examine attendant and visiting Brethren.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, P. J. G. W., presiding.

On motion, Brothers Lilly, Lanier and Fitch were appointed a committee to examine the proceedings of subordinate Lodges, and the credentials of their representatives.

On motion, Brothers Keen and Washburn were appointed, to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, together with the several documents mentioned therein; which were laid on the table, to-wit:

That since the last Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge, he has received the following communications, to-wit:

1. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in August, 1822.

2. From the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, containing the names, etc., of its officers elected November, 1822.

3. From the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, on the subject of guarding the Craft from imposition and error, and making regulations to preserve unity and correctness of work.

4. From the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, containing the names, etc., of its officers elected August, 1822.

5. From Abram J. McDowell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, on the subject of moneys paid by Brookville Harmony Lodge.

6. A communication from the Grand Lodge of Maine, declaring the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States and the calling of a Masonic convention for the purpose of organizing the same as proposed, is neither necessary nor expedient.

7. From the Grand Lodge of New York, containing the names, etc., of its officers elected June, 1822.

8. A journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, in June, 1822. In which, it is stated that the committee, appointed to take into consideration the communication from the City of Washington, made report in favor of sending delegates to the City of Washington, as proposed.

9. A communication from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, declaring the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, is, at this time, inexpedient; but approve of holding a convocation as recommended by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

10. A communication from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, disapproving of the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States; but approving of a convention of delegates, to meet either in New York or Philadelphia.

11. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, from January, 1819 to January, 1822.

12. From the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, containing its proceedings in December, 1822.

13. From the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, containing the names, etc., of its officers, elected January, 1823.

14. From the Grand Lodge of Alabama, containing the names, etc., of its officers elected December, 1822.

15. From the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, containing the proceedings of a Grand Committee, appointed to take into consideration the alleged grievances of the subordinate Lodges, etc., etc.

16. Extract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, in November, 1822.

17. A list of expulsions and suspensions, communicated to the Grand Lodge of New York, by foreign Grand Lodges and the several Lodges under its jurisdiction.

18. A special communication from the Grand Lodge of New York, containing notice of the suspension of Gen. EBENEZER WADSWORTH, for ten years. Also, one in which it is declared, that it is inexpedient to form a General Grand Lodge, and further, that it is unnecessary to adopt any measures for an occasional convocation of delegates, as proposed.

19. From the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, containing the names, etc., of its officers elected January, 1823.

20. Extract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, in October, 1822.

21 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in July, 1822.

22. From the Grand Lodge of Maine, containing the names, etc., of its officers, elected April, 1823.

23. Extract from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in January, 1823.

24. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, in October, 1822. This Grand Lodge declines, for the present, to adopt any definite measure, in respect to the proposition submitted, of establishing a General Grand Lodge in the United States, as well as for a convention of Masons, as proposed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

25. From the Grand Lodge of Georgia, containing the names, etc., of its officers elected March, 1823.

26. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at a Qnarterly Communication, held in December, 1822.

27. A communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, declaring that it is the opinion of said Grand Lodge, it is neither necessary nor expedient to adopt any measures which will have a tendency to establish a General Grand Lodge of the United States.

28. From the Grand Lodge of Virginia, containing the names, etc., of its officers elected March, 1823. Also, declaring that the formation of a national or supreme Grand Lodge of the United States of America, is inexpedient.

29. Abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in May, 1823.

30. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, in December, 1822. This Grand Lodge deems it expedient, that there be established a General Grand Lodge, under proper restrictions, limitations and regulations.

31. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, in December, 1822. This Grand Lodge declares, that it is inexpedient to form a General Grand Lodge of the United States; and that it is unnecessary to adopt any measures for an occasional convocation of delegates, as proposed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

32. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, from December,

1821, to May, 1823. In the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the interests of Masonry would be promoted by the establishment of a General Grand Lodge for the United States.

33. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, in June, 1823.

34. A communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, declaring that the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, and the calling a Masonic convention for the purpose of instituting and organizing the same, is unnecessary and unadvisable.

35. Abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, to December, 1822.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the communications, containing the proceedings of foreign Grand Lodges, be referred to a committee of five members.

Resolved, That so much of the communications from the Grand Lodges of South Carolina and New Jersey, as relates to Masonic lectures, be referred to a committee of three members.

Resolved, That the letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and so much of the proceedings of said Grand Lodge as relates to dues paid said Grand Lodge by Brookville Harmony Lodge, be referred to a committee of three members.

Resolved, That the several communications on the subject of the formation of a General Grand Lodge, be referred to a committee of seven members.

Brother Grand Secretary presented the workings of Center, Albion, Bloomington and Wayne Lodges, working under Dispensation; which were laid on the table.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge go into an election of Grand Officers, on tomorrow afternoon, at two o'clock.

Brother *Whicher* presented the following petition, which was read, and on motion, laid over until morning:

Your petitioners, members of Vevay Lodge, No. 7, working under your Charter, would respectfully represent, that, for divers impending causes,—among which are, the want of a convenient room for working, and the scarcity of specie currency,—we are unable to pursue our labors with that laudable zeal which the great cause of Masonry justly merits.

We, therefore pray your most honorable Body, to take into consideration our situation, and grant a suspension of our labors, for three years; and, in the mean time, to suspend our payment of dues, both to our own Lodge and the Grand Charity Fund; to give our present Master, Wardens and Secretary authority to grant demits, according to our present By-Laws; to appoint a committee to take charge of our jewels, settle our accounts, and collect existing dues. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

JOSEPH MALIN,
JOHN MENDENHALL,
RUFUS SCOTT,
STEPHEN WHICHER, jr.
FREDERICK BURNHAM.

Brother George L. Moredock, the representative from Harmony Lodge, No. 11, entered, presented the Return of said Lodge, and his credentials as a representative, and took his seat.

Brother *Lilly* presented the petition of sundry Masons, residing in the neighborhood of Fredonia, praying for a Dispensation; which was read, and on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Brothers Fitch and Moredock.

Brother *Keen* presented the following communications, on the subject of the expulsion of Joseph B. Emerson; which were read, and on motion, referred to the committee on Grievances:

LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 27, 1823.

Worshipful Sir and Brother:—The enclosed papers were forwarded by Dr. Emerson, to our Grand Lodge, under the belief that the Lodge of Vincennes was still under this jurisdiction; and I am commanded by the M. W. Grand Master of Kentucky, to transmit the same to your M. W. Grand Lodge, with a request, that it will take such order on the subject, as justice may require. The appeal made by the applicant, to the charitable feelings of the Brethren, is well calculated to excite our sympathies in his favor; and the testimonials of correct deportment would, at least, require that an investigation should be had, with as little delay as the nature of the case would admit.

With high considerations of fraternal regard, I am your obedient servant,

DANIEL BRADFORD, *Gr. Sec'y, G. L. of Ky.*

To the M. W. Master, Wardens and Brethren, of the Gr. Lodge of Ky.,—Greeting:

In October, 1817, your unhappy Brother was unjustly expelled from the privileges and benefits of Masonry, in the town of Vincennes, and State of Indiana. I was falsely accused and condemned; by the influence of which, I was thrown into prison; and while confined in the gloomy cells of the prison, alone, poor and gloomy, I was unjustly, cruelly expelled from the honors of Masonry. Such was my despondency, such the desolate situation, to which I was reduced, that, even when discharged from prison, I had no ambition or energy left, to excite me to a defence in Lexington. Even, at any rate, the reflection that nearly a year must elapse, before I could obtain a hearing by the meeting of the Grand Lodge. Convinced, therefore, that the world would be so long confirmed in their prejudice against me, prevented an immediate application for a re-instatement. Thus, in the gloom and poverty to which I was so cruelly reduced, I have continued; but finding, at length, my life can not endure such unmerited disgrace, I have been aroused, and now hope, in the voice of justice, to be heard. Must I forever give up the idea of being honored with the benefits of Masonry, which were so cruelly torn from me, while confined, alone, poor and comfortless in prison? Is there no way by which justice can confer the rights thus pilfered from me, when a stranger, with no one to vindicate my cause,—no one to claim for me the liberty of defence? Hear me, O! my Brothers, only for a moment. Think of my misfortune! Robbed of my reputation,—of my liberty; but far worse than all, when in prison, in gloom and wretchedness, robbed of the honors and privileges of Masonry, and thus published to the world. I was not a member of the Lodge of Vincennes, and, therefore, not amenable to them for my conduct; but if my conduct was reprehensible, it was their duty to inform the Lodge where I was initiated. This, however, I do not wish to dwell on; because, had I merited such treatment, the *all-seeing eye* can bear testimony, that I should have suffered the punishment without complaining; but, even then, justice and the universal charity of Masons, would have conferred a proper opportunity to respond in defence of the

accusations. This privilege, however, on the contrary, was denied, and the *Western Sun* newspaper was sent to the prison, the painful harbinger of my future sorrow and disgrace. Thus, five years, I have suffered; and for which the world can offer no compensation. Educated in the vicinity of Boston, with an elevated sense of justice and honor, I have been borne down almost to the grave with grief. Death, the most ignominious, would have been a thousand times more acceptable. Having been considered an honor and ornament in the Society of the north, where I had been initiated, passed and raised to the sublime degree of Master, when the poisonous breath of persecution faded my blooming honors; and when I could discover every one endeavoring to shun me; you can not imagine my grief. It may appear strange, indeed, that I have not before made my complaint. Grief and poverty have, however, restrained me from exertion and energy. The term, now, of tranquility in sorrow is ended; my hope excites to action, and I now humbly beseech that justice may be permitted to restore my privileges. I beseech thee, my Brethren, since the term of my sorrows have been so extended, that you may not permit a day to transpire, before commencing the examination of my request. My situation will not permit personal attendance,—my poverty is too great, and my constant and unremitting exertions are demanded for the maintenance of my family.

The accusation, for which I was thrown in prison,—for which I was shamefully robbed,—for which I was expelled, was declared by the principal Judge, William Prince, "insufficient to sustain an action." A report, indeed, was in circulation, respecting the character of a Mrs. Bond, previous to my arrival in that State. I boarded in her family, and, therefore, when in the neighborhood, it is said, there was something in circulation derogatory to her character; it was asked me if I knew it, and if I, having lived in the family, thought it to be true? In reply, I mentioned the report, and then observed, "My acquaintance with the lady's character and conduct, convinced me it was without foundation." When called on, a long time after, to give Mr. Benjamin Beckes satisfaction, I gave him a note to this import, and in these precise words, I think, to-wit: "That I mentioned a report on White river, which I believed had no foundation." This very note, which was given with all the sincerity and innocence of any thing, was construed highly to my injury. But whatever mankind may imagine, Heaven and my conscience know my innocence. [Here several lines are omitted, being irrelevant.]

The charity of Masonry is so universally believed to exist, that the world thinks that I, your unfortunate applicant, must have committed some action sinful indeed, to have merited such signal punishment. Indeed, such is the influence of the report of my disgrace, that it leaves but a scanty subsistence for me.

I trust, therefore, my Brothers, that you may examine my case immediately, without form. I pray you not to delay, remembering that I was not a member; that the Lodge, in voting the expulsion, made use of no *balls*, and that two members objected to the proceedings. With the highest consideration, your Brother,

Baton-Rouge, Dec. 25, 1822. JOSEPH B. EMERSON, M. D.

The Master, officers and Brethren of York Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky,—Sendeth Greeting:

Health! and may Brotherly love abound. Having been informed, that our late Brother, Joseph Barrel Emerson, M. D., was expelled the Lodge at Vincennes, under the jurisdiction of your Most Worshipful Lodge, for some cause, to us, as yet, but partially known; and being grieved thereat, it seemeth good to us to make known to you, that we have been acquainted with said Joseph, from his infancy,—that he was

regularly initiated, passed and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in this Lodge,—that all this time, and until his departure for the western country, his conduct was such as to merit our love and confidence,—and that his character, while with us, stood as fair as any young gentleman's whatever. If he has erred from the *line*, we lament the error and solicit your lenity and interference, so far as is consistent with the honor of the Craft; of which you must be the judges. "To err is human, ..."

That the Great Architect and Father of mercies may direct you, is the wish and prayer of your Brethren and fellow laborers of York Lodge. Per order,

[L. S.] MOSES SAVARY, Sec'y.

Mason's Hall, Kennebunk, Dec. 7, 1818.

BATON-ROUGE, La., Jan. 13, 1823.

To the M. W. Master, Wardens and Brethren, of the Grand Lodge of Ky.,—Greeting:

Knowing that Joseph Barrel Emerson, physician, has heretofore been so unfortunate as to meet the displeasure of the Lodge of Vincennes. Learning that he has applied for information, and desires to be recalled to the honors and privileges of Masonry, we, therefore, deem it our duty and pleasure to state, that, during his residence in this place, since May, 1821, his deportment has been such, as to merit the esteem, respect and confidence of those who knew him.

With respect, we have the honor to subscribe, yours, very sincerely,

CH. PELLIER,
ISAAC PHILIPS.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from the W., Thomas Posey, Grand Senior Warden, containing an apology for the non-attendance of Brother Posey, on account of indisposition; which was read, and laid on the table.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from Brother John Milroy. This letter contains an appeal to this Grand Lodge from the decision of Palestine Lodge, No. 14, suspending said Milroy from the privileges of Masonry; but having since been re-instated, and all differences amicably settled, the letter was read, and laid on the table.

The Grand Lodge adjourned, until nine o'clock, to-morrow mornin.

THOMAS DOUGLASS, *P. J. G W.*,
and G. M. pro tem.

Attest:—WM. C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, October 7, 1823.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, P. J. G. W., presiding.

Brother *Keen*, from the committee appointed to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, received, to-wit:

Your committee have examined the work and proceedings of Bloomington Lodge, and find them correct, with this exception: that, at the communications of said Lodge held on the 8th day of August, 1822, and on the 12th of September, same year,

the Lodge proceeded to labor without the constitutional number of officers. Your committee have also examined the By-Laws of said Lodge, and approve the same, with the exception of a part of the first Section of the third Article, which is in these words: "He" (the Master) "may, by and with the consent of the standing committee, on any emergent occasion, when it shall appear dangerous or inconvenient for the Brethren to meet, suspend the first Article of these By-Laws." Which said first Article provides, "that the Lodge shall meet on the second Thursday in each and every month."

Your committee have also examined the work and proceedings of Center Lodge, and find them correct, with one exception: the Secretary thereof has neglected to record the Dispensation in the Lodge book, as is expressly ordered by this Grand Lodge.

Your committee have also examined the work and proceedings of Wayne Lodge, held at Centerville, and find them correct.

Your committee have also examined the work and proceedings of Wayne Lodge, held at Fort Wayne, and find them correct.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Bloomington Lodge be directed to expunge from their By-Laws, the sentence referred to by the committee, as exceptionable. And that a Charter issue to said Lodge, which shall hereafter be known as *Bloomington Lodge*, No. 22; that CHARLES I. HAND be the first Master thereof, *James Whitcomb*, the first Senior Warden, and *John Robinson*, the first Junior Warden. And that the said Charles J. Hand be received and acknowledged as the representative from said Lodge

Resolved, That a Charter issue to Center Lodge; which shall hereafter be known as *Center Lodge*, No. 23; that HARVEY GREGG be the first Master thereof, *Harvey Bates*, the first Senior Warden, and *John T. Osborn*, the first Junior Warden. And that said Harvey Gregg be received and acknowledged as the representative from said Lodge.

Resolved, That a Charter issue to Wayne Lodge, at Centerville, which shall hereafter be known as *Webb Lodge*, No. 24; that WILLIAM PUGH be the first Master thereof, *James R. Mendenhall*, the first Senior Warden, and *William H. Vaughan*, the first Junior Warden. And that Bartholomew McCleary be received and acknowledged as the representative from said Lodge.

Resolved, That a Charter issue to Wayne Lodge, at Fort Wayne, which shall hereafter be known as *Wayne Lodge*, No. 25; and that ALEXANDER EWING be the first Master thereof, *John Tipton*, the first Senior Warden, and *Benjamin B. Kercheval*, the first Junior Warden. And that William H. Lilly be received and acknowledged as the *proxy* from said Lodge

Brother Harvey Gregg took his seat, as the representative from Center Lodge, No. 23.

Brother Bartholomew McCleary took his seat, as the representative from Webb Lodge, No. 24.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from J. H. Farnham, J. G. W., containing an apology for the non-attendance of Brother Farnham, in consequence of indisposition.

On motion, the committee on Grievances were discharged from the further consideration of the communications relative to the expulsion of Joseph B. Emerson, and the subject referred to a select committee, consisting of Brothers Gregg and McCleary.

Brother *Lanier*, from the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc., made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

That Nicholas D. Grover, C. P. J. Arion and Amzi Douglas, are the representatives from Union Lodge, No. 2,—being Master and Wardens of said Lodge. Thomas J. Todd, from Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3,—being Worshipful Master of the same. William H. Lilly, from Pisgah Lodge, No. 5. Mason C. Fitch, from Zif Lodge, No. 8. James Nesmith, from Posey Lodge, No. 9,—being Worshipful Master of the same. James F. D. Lanier, *proxy*, from Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10. George L. Moredock, *proxy*, from Harmony Lodge, No. 11. Rollin C. Dewey, from Palestine Lodge, No. 14, —being Worshipful Master of the same. Edmund I. Kidd, from Warren Lodge, No. 15,—being the Worshipful Master of the same. And they are, therefore, entitled to their seats, as such, in this Grand Lodge.

And, after examining the Returns of said Lodges, find them correct.

From the Return of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, it appears that Brother Joseph L. Washburn was appointed to represent said Lodge, in this Grand Lodge; but we find that the seal of the Lodge is not attached to the certificate; nor does the person certifying sign himself as Secretary, which this committee deem necessary. But this committee would recommend, that Brother Washburn be received and acknowledged as the representative from said Lodge.

Brother *Fitch*, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry Masons residing near Fredonia, presented a report, containing, among other things, an "opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted;" which was read, and on motion, laid over until to-morrow morning.

Brother Henry P. Thornton, the representative from Scott Lodge, No. 12, entered, presented the Return of said Lodge, and his credentials as representative, and took his seat.

The Grand Secretary presented the appeal of Elam S. Freeman, from the action of Warren Lodge, No. 15, suspending him from said Lodge, together with the proceedings of the Lodge, had in the premises; which, on motion, were laid over until the next Annual Grand Communication.

Brother *Lanier*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in, to-wit:

That Stephen Whicher is the representative from Vevay Lodge, No. 7,—being Worshipful Master of the same. And that John Winchil is the representative from Jennings Lodge, No. 17,—being Worshipful Master of the same.

The Grand Secretary presented the following petition from Jennings Lodge, No. 17, which was read, and on motion, referred to the committee on Grievances:

Brethren:—Having been chosen the delegate to represent the Jennings Lodge, No. 17, in the Grand Lodge at their Annual Communication for the year 1823, I am denied the pleasure by reason of ill health; and Brother Winchil, Master, will represent the circumstances of our Lodge. It is extremely mortifying to the members of this Lodge, that they can not punctually discharge the claims they owe to the Grand Lodge. Measures were taken in due time to collect the dues, in order to make payment; but owing to the general prevalence of sickness, not more than one-third of the members were able to attend our last communication, to furnish their several quotas of money. If the Grand Lodge will give us a further indulgence of sixty or ninety

days, for the payment of arrearages, the Lodge will give assurances of punctual compliance. Yours fraternally, WM. A. BULLOCK, Sec'y,

Vernon, Oct. 6, 1823. Jennings Lodge, No. 17.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committees, to-wit:

To examine communications from the several Grand Lodges,—Brothers Gregg, Lilly, Moredock, Keen and Fitch.

To examine communications from the Grand Lodges of South Carolina and New Jersey, as relate to Masonic lectures,—Brothers Abbey, Lanier and Moredock.

To examine communications from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, on the subject of dues paid by Brookville Harmony Lodge,—Brothers Meek, Todd and Winchil.

To examine communications relative to the formation of a General Grand Lodge,—Brothers McCleary, Keen, Gregg, Lilly, Todd, Grover and Hand.

On the petition from several members of Vevay Lodge, No. 7,—Brothers Gregg, Meek and Nesmith.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee to whom were referred the documents concerning the expulsion of Joseph B. Emerson, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

That, having examined all the documents, and having obtained all the information they can, relative to the case of Mr. Emerson, are of opinion that, before this Grand Lodge can act upon the case, it will be necessary to hear the proceedings of Vincennes Lodge, and the charges for which he was expelled brought before them. Wherefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be directed to communicate with Mr. Emerson, and inform him of their readiness to do him justice, if he has been wronged by Vincennes Lodge; but before they can proceed to do so, it is necessary to hear the whole proceedings had in his case before them.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for twenty minutes, and then called to labor again.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that no delegate, representing a Lodge under Dispensation, has a right to be a member of any committee, until the Return of said Lodge be examined and approved.

Brother *Kidd*, from the select committee, presented the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

We, the select committee appointed to examine and take into consideration the cases of Washington Lodge, No. 13, and Scott Lodge, No. 12, both of which have been suspended from working as Lodges, in consequence of having failed to cause themselves to be represented in the Grand Lodge for the preceding two years, and for having failed to pay their dues to the Grand Lodge for the above period,—have, according to order, had the same under consideration; and do find, from undoubted facts that have come to our knowledge, that, owing to sickness and the death of several of the members of those Lodges, they have been prevented from complying with the above requisitions. We find the amount that Scott Lodge is in arrears for 1821, is ten dollars, and for 1822, five dollars; for which amount, the officers of said Lodge have proposed to execute their note on behalf of their Lodge, payable within a short date. As to Washington Lodge, as we have not had before us any regular Return

of their proceedings for the two years above named, we have not been able to ascertain the amount they are in arrear; but the senior officer has proposed to execute a note, as above, for the amount they may be in arrear, so soon as the same can be ascertained by the Grand Secretary. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to ascertain the amount said Lodges may be in arrear, as soon as possible, and take the notes of the senior officer or officers representing the same, for the same, payable to himself for the use of the Lodge, within ..... days from this date.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, P. J. G. W., presiding.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials further reported, that Robert Sturgus is the *proxy* of Terre Haute Lodge, and entitled to his seat as such. And that Brother Daniel Tapley is the representative from Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6; which report was read, and on motion, concurred in.

Brother Robert Sturgus entered and took his seat as representative from said Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, and the following Brethren were declared duly elected, and they were accordingly thrice proclaimed, etc:

M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, Grand Master.
R. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, Deputy Grand Master.
W., HARVEY GREGG, Senior Grand Warden.
" GEORGE L. MOREDOCK, Junior Grand Warden.
" WILLIAM H. LILLY, Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Grand Senior Deacon.
" CHARLES I. HAND, Grand Junior Deacon.
" JAMES V. HEDENBURG, Grand Chaplain.
" HENRY P. THORNTON, Grand Orator.
" RICHARD C. TALBOTT, Grand Marshal.
" ROLLIN C. DEWEY, Grand Sword Bearer.
" BARTHOLOMEW MCCLEARY, Grand Pursuivant.
" CYRUS VIGUS, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until seven o'clock P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, P. J. G. W., presiding.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning, at eight o'clock.

THOMAS DOUGLASS, *P. J. G. W.*,
G. M. pro tem.

Attest:—WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

LODGE OF EMERGENCY.

The Grand Lodge convened, pursuant to a call of the M. W. Grand Master, *pro tem.*—R. W., GEORGE L. MOREDOCK, presiding.

The Grand Lodge was then called to labor, in the fifth degree of Masonry, in ancient form.

Brother Charles I. Hand, the Master elect of Bloomington Lodge, No. 22, was duly installed the Worshipful Master of said Lodge, and received the customary salutations of the Brethren present.

The Lodge was then closed.

WEDNESDAY, October 8, 1823.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M., M. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, P. J. G. W., presiding.

Brother *Todd*, from the committee to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, with relation to Brookville Harmony Lodge, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, referred to the Grand Committee:

That from the evidence produced to us, it appears that the object desired to be attained by the submission of this subject to this committee, is the adjustment and payment of money claimed by this Grand Lodge to be justly due to it from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as having been wrongfully paid to and received by said last mentioned Lodge, from the Brookville Harmony Lodge.

That it appears from the communication from said Grand Lodge of Ohio, that there was charged against the said Brookville Harmony Lodge, on the books of said Grand Lodge of Ohio, under date December 14, 1818, the sum of $45 66⅔ as dues; and that the same was paid to said Grand Lodge, on the 16th of December same year; and that said Lodge of Brookville had received a Charter from said Grand Lodge of Ohio, for which the sum of thirty dollars was paid. Also, that there is charged on the same communication against said Brookville Lodge under date of December, 1819, the sum of $20 50, which sum was paid in the same month and year. And this committee further find that this Grand Lodge was organized on the 12th day of January, 1818. This committee believe that so much of the said first named sum of $45 66⅔, which accrued as dues from said Brookville Lodge after the organization of this Lodge, should be refunded by said Grand Lodge of Ohio, to this Grand Lodge. Further, that this Grand Lodge has no claim on the Grand Lodge of Ohio, for the said sum of thirty dollars which the Brookville Lodge paid for its Charter, the same having been granted, as this committee believe, prior to the organization of this Grand Lodge. But with relation to the sum of $20 50 paid by Brookville Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ohio as dues, in December, 1819, the committee think this Grand Lodge has an undoubted right to the same.

On motion, the matters in dispute between Joseph H. Coburn and Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, were referred to a select committee, consisting of Brothers Lilly, Talbott and Moredock.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge proceed in Grand procession, from their Hall to the Methodist meeting house in the town of Madison, on to-morrow, at ten o'clock, to hear an oration from the Grand Orator of this Grand Lodge, accompanied with other appropriate exercises; and that a committee to consist of three members be appointed to make suitable arrangements.

Whereupon, Brothers Talbott, Westgate and Grover were appointed said committee.

On motion, the report of the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of a number of Masons residing near Fredonia, was received and concurred in.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon; and to meet in Grand Committee, *instanter*.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, P. J. G. W., presiding.

Brother *Grover*, Chairman of the Grand Committee, made the following report, which was received and concurred in, and the Grand Secretary directed to transmit a copy thereof to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

The Grand Committee proceeded to the consideration of the report of the select committee to whom the subject of moneys paid by Brookville Harmony Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was referred.

The report of the select committee was amended by striking out from the word "committee," in the 29th line from the top, to the word "same," in the last line, and inserting these words,—"therefore find the aforesaid several sums amounting to $96 16½, as per account rendered by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, appears to be due from said Grand Lodge of Ohio, to this Grand Lodge, having been paid by said Brookville Harmony Lodge, subsequent to the organization of this Grand Lodge, except such part of said sum as may have accrued as dues to the said Grand Lodge of Ohio, for initiations in said Brookville Harmony Lodge, from the 1st of August, 1817, to the 12th day of January, 1818."

The Grand Committee then rose, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Brother *McCleary*, from the committee appointed to examine the communications relative to the formation of a General Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in,—(a vote by Lodges being called for, the ballot stood—*Ayes*, 12—*Nays*, 8):

Your committee, with a due degree of deference and respect for the opinion of the congregated Bodies of the Fraternity, who have expressed themselves favorable to the formation of a General Grand Lodge, are unable to perceive any advantages which would result to Masonry from its establishment; and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, By this Grand Lodge, that it is inexpedient and unnecessary that a General Grand Lodge should be formed, as they view State Grand Lodges entirely sufficient for the good government of the Craft.

Brother *Lilly*, from the committee to whom was referred the matters in dispute between Joseph H. Coburn and Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, made

the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in,—(a vote by lodges being called for, the ballot stood—*Ayes*, 20—*Nays*, 1) :

That upon examination of the proceedings of the last Annual Grand Communication, it appears that by a resolution of the Grand Lodge, Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, was directed to show cause at this Annual Communication, why the said Lodge, through its Master or presiding officer, refused admission to the said Joseph H. Coburn, on his applying for the same, after the expiration of his suspension; and it appearing to the satisfaction of your committee, that said Lodge has not complied with the resolution of the Grand Lodge, and as your committee deem it a violation of the principles of Masonry, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, be cited, by the officers thereof, to show cause at the next Annual Communication of this M. W. Grand Lodge, why their Charter should not be arrested.

Brother *Whicher, jr.*, from the committee on Accounts, etc., to whom was referred the communication of William A. Bullock in behalf of Jennings Lodge, No, 17, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in :

That it appears, as well from said communication as from other testimony, that Jennings Lodge, No. 17, has been prevented by the visitation of Providence, from paying its dues to the Grand Secretary, according to the requisition of the Constitution of this M. W. Grand Lodge, and would beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved. That Jennings Lodge, No 17, be required to pay the amount of its dues to the Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of January next.

Brother *Washburn*, from the committee appointed to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in :

That they have had the proceedings of Albion Lodge under consideration, and find them correct. Your committee would further report, that by a resolve of said Lodge, Brother William C. Keen is appointed their *proxy* to this Grand Lodge, and instructed to apply for a renewal of their Dispensation, and do recommend John Cannard as Master; H. J. Mills, Senior Warden, and E. S. Pell, Junior Warden.

Brother *Meek*, from the committee to whom the petition of Stephen Whicher, jr., and others, of Vevay Lodge, No. 7, was referrred, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, indefinitely postponed :

That from the facts they have had before them, that the Brethren of said Lodge can not continue their work with propriety for the reasons set forth in their petition; that the benefit of the Craft can not be advanced under the existing state of things;—for which reason, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge receive the jewels and Charter and furniture of Vevay Lodge; No. 7, on the following conditions, to-wit: That the sum which said Lodge is in arrears to this Grand Lodge shall be paid in three annual installments, to-wit, one at the Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1824; one-third in 1825; one-third in 1826,—until which time, said Lodge shall cease to work. And if the above conditions are complied with, their Charter shall then be returned to them without charge, and in the mean time the members shall be exempt from contributions and fees to the Grand Lodge, and the Master and Wardens shall have power

to demit any member who shall apply for it; and upon a failure to comply with the above conditions, to be struck from the list of Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Wm. H. Lilly*, Grand Treasurer, presented the following report, which was read, and on motion, referred to the committee to examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer:

There remained in my hands on the 7th October, 1822, including due bills, notes, etc., the sum of,		$224 00
Received of William C. Keen, Grand Secretary, in specie, the sum of,		290 12½
Also, in Kentucky paper,		100 00
		$614 12½
Since the above period, there has been paid for claims allowed last session,	$284 43¾	
For the order of Douglass & Carpenter,	50 00	
Cr. By my allowance for my per centum as Grand Treasurer,	17 00	
		$325 43¾
Leaving a balance in my hands, including due bills, etc., the sum of,		$262 68¾

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

THOMAS DOUGLASS, *P. J. G. W.*, *G. M. pro tem.*

Attest:—WM. C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, October 9, 1823.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, P. J. G. W., presiding.

The following resolution was presented, which was read, and on motion, laid on the table,—(a vote by Lodges being called for, the ballot stood—*Ayes*, 16—*Nays*, 5):

Resolved, As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that it is inexpedient to continue the practice of publishing in public papers, the names of persons who are or may be returned by subordinate Lodges, as suspended.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the third degree of Masonry; and all except Past Masters having retired, was called to labor in the fifth degree.

The following Grand Officers elect were severally and successively installed according to ancient usage, received their jewels and took their seats, by Brother John Meek, being the oldest Past Master present:

R. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, Deputy Grand Master.
W., HARVEY GREGG, Senior Grand Warden.
" GEORGE L. MOREDOCK, Junior Grand Warden.
" WILLIAM H. LILLY, Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" NICHOLAS D. GROVER, Senior Grand Deacon.
" CHARLES I. HAND, Junior Grand Deacon.
" CYRUS VIGUS, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in the fifth degree, and called to labor in the third degree of Masonry, according to ancient usage and custom.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment for two hours, a procession formed, etc., etc.

The Grand Lodge was again called to labor.

Brother Thomas J. Todd, the representative from Blazing Star Lodge, No 3, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session; and on motion, Brother Isaac Naylor was received and acknowledged as the *proxy* to represent Blazing Star Lodge.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Harvey Gregg be appointed a committee to wait on Brother Grand Orator, Isaac Naylor, and request a copy of the oration this day delivered by him for publication; and that the Grand Secretary have fifty copies thereof printed, and that the same be distributed to the several subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—R. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, D. G. M., presiding.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is improper to install the officers of Lodges working under Dispensation.

On motion, Brothers Fitch, Lilly and Meek were appointed a select committee to inquire into the differences between Warren and Center Lodges.

WHEREAS, It appears to this Grand Lodge, that subsequent to the formation and organization of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which took place on the 12th day of January, 1818, a Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio to a number of Masons as Brookville Harmony Lodge, No. 41, which Charter was surrendered by said Lodge to the Grand Lodge of this State on the 11th day of September, 1820, and a Charter received from the same. That, in the interval between the date of the organization of the Grand Lodge of this State and the time of receiving a Charter from the same, the sum of $96 16⅔, or thereabouts, was received and paid by said Lodge into the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as Lodge dues,—which amount so paid, being, as this Grand Lodge conceives, justly, and as a matter of Masonic right, belongs to this Grand Lodge, was consequently improperly paid into the treasury of said Grand Lodge:

Resolved, therefore. That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be instructed to open a correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Ohio on the above subject for the purpose of effecting the liquidation of the amount of dues so paid as aforesaid; and, so soon as the same is ascertained, respectfully to request the payment of the same into the treasury of this Grand Lodge; and that he be moreover requested to lay the same, together with a copy of this resolution and preamble, with all the documents relative thereto, before the said Grand Lodge of Ohio, at their next Grand Communication, for their consideration.

Brother *Abbey*, from the committee appointed to examine the communications from the Grand Lodges of South Carolina and New Jersey, relative to Masonic lectures, made the following report, which was read, and on motion concurred in:

We are of opinion, and think it highly necessary, that this M. W. Grand Lodge adopt a similar resolution, to that passed by the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Therefore,

Resolved, That this M. W. Grand Lodge recommend to the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, the adoption of a uniform mode of working agreeably to the principles of illustrative Masonry as laid down by Brother Cross in his Lectures and Masonic Chart.

On motion, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Wm. C. Keen and Wm. H. Lilly, were appointed a committee to receive proposals for printing the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, at the present session; with instructions to give them to the lowest bidder, taking bond and security for having the same done in a workman like manner and reasonable time, stitched and delivered in pamphlet form, to the Grand Secretary, ready for distribution.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at six o'clock. THOMAS DOUGLASS, *D. G. M.*

Attest:—WM. C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.* *G. M. pro tem.*

FRIDAY, October 10, 1823.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at six o'clock, A. M. R. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, D. G. M., presiding.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That ten dollars be paid to Brother Hedenburg, to be applied by him to the relief of the family of Eliab Thompson, deceased.

Brother *Lilly*, from the committee appointed to receive proposals for printing the Proceedings, etc,, of this Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

That they have received proposals from Messrs. Lodge & Arion, of Madison, and William C. Keen, of Vevay, as follows:—

For composition, per thousand ems,—Lodge & Arion, 39½ cents; William C. Keen, 37½ cents.

For press-work, per token,—Lodge & Arion, 37½ cents; William C. Keen, 37½ cents.

That thay have contracted with William C. Keen, to do all the printing for the Grand Lodge, for the present Communication, at the above prices, and have taken his bond, with G. L. Moredock as his security, in the sum of one hundred dollars.

The committee, appointed to examine the communications from foreign Grand Lodges, were discharged from the further consideration of the papers referred to them.

The following petition was presented by a representative from Zif Lodge, No. 8, which was read, and on motion, referred to a select committee consisting of Brothers Moredock, Lilly and Gregg, to make report to this Grand Lodge at the next Annual Grand Communication:

The petition of the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Zif Lodge, No. 8, respectfully showeth,—that some time in the winter of 1823, Alexander S. Burnett,

a resident of New Albany, presented his petition to Zif Lodge, praying initiation into the mysteries of Masonry. Before the said petition was acted upon, upon the intimation of several Brethren of said Lodge, that they were opposed to the admission of the petitioner, A. S. Burnett, into the Lodge, he was permitted to withdraw his petition without having the same acted upon by the Lodge.

And your petitioners further show, that afterward—some time in the summer of 1823—the said A. S. Burnett presented his petition for initiation into the mysteries of Masonry to Abram's Lodge, No. 8, at Louisville, Kentucky. That Abram's Lodge was informed that objections existed in the minds of some members of Zif Lodge to the admission of A. S. Burnett into the Masonic family; and thereupon, Abram's Lodge appointed a committee, of which the Worshipful Master of the last mentioned Lodge was one, to confer with Zif Lodge upon the subject of their objections to the admission of A. S. Burnett into Abram's Lodge. Whereupon, at a meeting of Zif Lodge, specially called for that purpose, on motion it was unanimously resolved by said last mentioned Lodge, that they were unwilling that Abram's Lodge should proceed to initiate A. S. Burnett into the mysteries of Masonry; which resolution, duly certified, was forwarded to Abram's Lodge. But Abram's Lodge, notwithstanding the resolution aforesaid, well knowing all the facts aforesaid, and unmindful of that fellowship and good understanding which ought to exist and be preserved in the Fraternity of Masons, and especially between the subordinate Lodges of the different States,—proceeded to, and did initiate the said A. S. Burnett into the mysteries of Masonry.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that this their subject of complaint be taken into deliberation, and such measures adopted thereon, as shall be deemed most proper and most conducive to the interests of Masonry.

On behalf of the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Zif Lodge,

MASON C. FITCH, their representative.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be held at MADISON, on the first Monday in October next.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is improper for any regular Mason to reside in the vicinity of a regular Lodge without being a member thereof, provided he is of sufficient ability to pay his Lodge dues.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to report on the first day of each Communication, to this Grand Lodge, a statement of the accounts of the subordinate Lodges with this Grand Lodge; which shall be handed to the Chairman of the committee appointed to examine the Returns of subordinate Lodges and the credentials of representatives, to enable the said committee to decide correctly what Lodges are entitled to a representative.

WHEREAS, It appears to this Grand Lodge, that several Lodges working under the jurisdiction thereof, have failed to pay their respective dues to this Grand Lodge: Therefore.

Resolved, That those Lodges, which are in arrears with this Grand Lodge, be cited to appear on the first day of the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, to show cause, if any they have or can show, why they shall not be suspended from working, and their Charters surrendered to this Grand Lodge, and be stricken from the list of Lodges.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed, within sixty days from the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, to make out an accurate statement of the several sums of money due this Grand Lodge from the several subordinate Lodges, and transmit to each of the said Lodges the said statement, requesting each of the said Lodges to pay their respective dues into the hands of the Grand Secretary, taking his receipt for the same.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to make out and transmit, within

sixty days from the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, a certified copy of these resolutions, under his hand and the seal of this Grand Lodge, to the said several Lodges found in arrears with this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That it is highly improper for any subordinate Lodge working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to suspend or expel any member for non-payment of dues, without notice to the member charged, where notice can be given, as in other cases of unmasonic conduct; and that all such Lodges be hereby instructed to expunge from their By-Laws any article which may be found inconsistent with this resolution.

Brother Winchil, the representative from Jennings Lodge, No. 17, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until one o'clock this afternoon.

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—R. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother *Fitch*, from the committee, to whom was referred the matter of difficulty between Warren and Center Lodges with respect to the case of Calvin Fletcher, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, indefinitely postponed:

That, from the pressure of business and want of time, the committee have not been able to give the subject referred to them that mature deliberation which its importance necessarily requires; and would recommend that Warren Lodge be advised to suspend their proceedings on the application of Calvin Fletcher, until the subject can be more satisfactorily investigated before this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for fifteen minutes, and then called to labor again.

WHEREAS, It has been represented to this Grand Lodge, that our late Past Grand Master, John Sheets, has had the misfortune to be engaged in a rencontre with another individual, in which he was so unfortunate as to kill his opponent, for which act he is about to be called to answer before the constituted tribunals of his country; in consequence of which, it seems Brother Sheets has voluntarily absented himself from the meetings of the Grand Lodge and other convocations of Masons during the present session. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of his case, on motion,

Resolved, As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, unanimously, that the conduct of Brother Sheets in thus absenting himself as above, meets the decided approbation of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That from the able, active and energetic manner in which our said Past Grand Master has discharged the various duties of his said office during the two years for which he has been in the Chair, he deserves the thanks of this Grand Lodge and the Fraternity generally.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions and preamble be transmitted to each of the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and to all the Grand Lodges in correspondence with the same.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Union Lodge receive a credit of eight dollars, being a balance due by said Lodge for the year 1819, the same having been paid, and its receipt not noticed with the minutes of that year.

Resolved, That the several Lodges working under the authority and jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be laid off into six several districts, in each of which, one or more capable Masons, not exceeding three, to be styled VISITORS, shall be appointed; whose duty it is hereby made, to attend the several Lodges in their several districts, at some convenient time within the year, and carefully to inspect the workings and records of the same; wherein they shall make out and transmit to the Grand Lodge at its next session, reports of their proceedings. That Olive Branch, Vincennes, Clinton, Hiram and Terre Haute Lodges shall compose the first district; Pisgah, Zif, Posey and Blazing Star, the second district; Salem, Union, Scott, Washington and Jennings, the third district; Palestine, Bloomington, St. John's and Center, the fourth district; Warren, Webb and Wayne, the fifth district; and Harmony, Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun and Vevay, the sixth district.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge proceeded to appoint Grand Visitors, to-wit:

First District.—Brothers Lucius H. Scott, James Moffitt and Robert Sturgus.

Second District.—Brothers Asahel Clapp, John H. Farnham and Thomas Posey.

Third District.—Brothers Henry P. Thornton, Chris. Harrison and Thos. Douglass.

Fourth District.—Brothers Harvey Gregg, Rollin C. Dewey and Charles I. Hand.

Fifth District.—Brothers Edmund I. Kidd, John Tipton and B. McCleary.

Sixth Dsitrict.—Brothers Abel C. Pepper, Wm. C. Keen and George L. Moredock.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the resolution to each of the Grand visitors.

Brother *Kidd* offered the following amendment to the By-Laws which was ordered to lay over for consideration, until the next Annual Grand Communication:

Ordered, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Tyler, hereafter to furnish no refreshments for the use of the Grand Lodge, unless otherwise directed by the same.

On motion, the Grand Treasurer was directed to pay our Rev. Brother Hedinburg, Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, five dollars for his attendance on the present Communication.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to publish a list of expulsions and re-instatements by the subordinate Lodges since the last Annual Grand Communication, in the *Republican* printed at Madison, and to request all Editors within the State to publish the same in their respective papers.

Brother *Nesmith*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in, and the Grand Treasurer directed to pay the several sums allowed on the order of R. W. Deputy Grand Master:

That there appears to have been in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, at the commencement of this Annual Grand Communication, as per his report,		$262 68¾
Received of the Grand Secretary, being dues from subordinate Lodges for 1823,	$191 34½	
Received by the Grand Secretary, being arrearages due from subordinate Lodges,	68 12½	
		259 47
Due from subordinate Lodges, previous to 1823,		321 87½
Due from subordinate Lodges, for 1823,		156 65½
Making the sum of,		$1,000 68¾
Deduct claims allowed at this Communication,		199 43¾
Leaving a balance in favor of the Grand Lodge,		$801 25

They have examined the several items of the accounts rendered by the following persons, which are reasonable, and ought to be paid, to-wit:

To Cyrus Vigus, Steward,	$ 20 33¾
" do. Tyler,	22 50
" William C. Keen, Grand Secretary,	138 35
" Committee, for music at procession,	6 00
" Lodge & Arion,	12 25
	$199 43¾

They are also of opinion, that Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19, is entitled to a credit of thirty-five dollars, being the amount forwarded by Brother Elihu Stout to Brother P. G. M., Alexander Meek, agreeably to the certificate of said Stout.*

On motion, the following resolution was adopted,—(a vote by Lodges being called for, the ballot stood—*Ayes*, 12—*Nays*, 6):

Resolved, That the order made at the last session of the Grand Lodge, suspending Washington Lodge, No. 13, from working as a Lodge, be rescinded; and that the said Lodge have until the next session of the Grand Lodge to settle and pay up their dues; and that Brother William B. Ruggles be admitted and recognized as the representative from the same in this Grand Lodge. That it shall be the duty of said Lodge to send up by their representative at the next session, the journal of their proceedings or workings, for the inspection of the Grand Lodge; and that in the event of their failure to comply with the above requisition, they shall be suspended until further order of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Ruggles, the representative from Washington Lodge, No. 13, took his seat.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a new Dispensation issue to *Albion Lodge*, Illinois; and that Brother John Canard be the Master thereof, *Henry I. Mills*, the Senior Warden, and *Gilbert Pell, jr.*, the Junior Warden.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was authorized to have printed one hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of this Communication, and distribute the same agreeably to the resolution now in force.

The following resolution was presented, which was read, and on motion, postponed until the next Annual Grand Communication:

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be directed to charge all Master Masons residing within the jurisdiction of their respective Lodges with Grand Lodge dues.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee appointed to wait on Brother Naylor to request a copy of the address delivered by him before this Grand Lodge, on the 5th inst., for publication, made a verbal report:—That he waited on Brother Naylor, and made the request as directed; and that he promised to furnish the Grand Secretary with a copy thereof, as soon as he conveniently could.

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* Vincennes, Oct. 3, 1823.—I do hereby certify, that at the time of the application for a Dispensation to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, by a number of Brothers residing at Terre Haute, I inclosed the recommendation of the Vincennes Lodge, together with the sum of thirty-five dollars, to the then Grand Master, Alexander Meek, Esq.; and I have since heard Brother Meek say, the surplus of that money, after paying the expenses of a Dispensation, was in his hands. E. Stout.

Received of William C. Keen, two hundred and sixty dollars and ninety-seven cents. WM. H. LILLY.

The Grand Lodge was then closed, in ancient form, to meet again at Masons' Hall, in MADISON, on the first Monday in October, A. L. 5824.

THOMAS DOUGLASS, *D. G. M.*,
G. M. pro tem.

Attest:—WM. C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

LIST OF LODGES

SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA.

No.	*Name.*	*Place of Meeting.*	*Master.*	*Secretary.*
1.	VINCENNES,	*Vincennes,*	.....	.....
2.	UNION,	*Madison,*	Nicholas D. Grover,	James F. D. Lanier.
3.	BLAZING STAR,	*Charlestown,*	Thomas J. Todd,	Benjamin Cravens.
4.	LAWRENCEBURG,	*Lawrenceburg,*	John Myers,	James Dill.
5.	PISGAH,	*Corydon,*	Armstr. Brandon,	John Mefford.
6.	RISING SUN,	*Rising Sun,*	Daniel Tapley,	Samuel Jelley.
7.	VEVAY,	*Vevay,*	Steph. Whicher, jr.,	William C. Keen.
8.	ZIF,	*New Albany,*	Richard Comly,	Stephen Beers.
9.	POSEY,	*Jeffersonville,*	.....	.....
10.	OLIVE BRANCH,	*Evansville,*	.....	.....
11.	HARMONY,	*Brookville,*	David Oliver,	T. W. Colescott.
12.	SCOTT,	*New Lexington,*	Jacob Thomas,	James Goodhue.
13.	WASHINGTON,	*Brownstown,*	William Ruggles,	W. H. Ewing.
14.	PALESTINE,	*Palestine,*	Rollin C. Dewey,	R. M. Carlton.
15.	WARREN,	*Connersville,*	Edmund I. Kidd,	Martin M. Ray.
16.	CLINTON,	*Princeton,*	.....	.....
17.	JENNINGS,	*Vernon,*	John Winchell,	William A. Bullock
18.	HIRAM,	*Carlisle,*	.....	.....
19.	TERRE HAUTE,	*Terre Haute,*	Peter Allen,	.....
20.	ST. JOHN'S,	*Columbus,*	.....	.....
21,	SALEM,	*Salem,*	.....	John Britton.
22,	BLOOMINGTON	*Bloomington,*	Charles I. Hand,	William Harden.
23,	CENTER,	*Indianapolis,*	Harvey Gregg,	James M. Ray.
24,	WEBB,	*Centerville,*	Barthol. McCleary,	John C. Kibby.
25,	WAYNE,	*Fort Wayne,*	Alexander Ewing,	Charles W. Ewing.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT MADISON, IND.—OCT. 4, A. D. 1824, A. L. 5824.

M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Madison, on the first Monday in October, being the fourth day thereof, A. L. 5824, A. D. 1824. Present,

R. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, D. G. M., Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W., GEORGE L. MOREDOCK, J. G. W., Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" ABEL C. PEPPER, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" ENOCH D. JOHN, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" STEPHEN WHICHER, JR., Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
" JOHN LODGE, Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
" JAMES V. HEDENBURG, Grand Chaplain.
" MICHAEL G. BRIGHT, Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
" CYRUS VIGUS, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and after an address to the Throne of Grace, by the Rev. James V. Hedenburg, G. C., proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

On motion the reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Grand Communication was dispensed with.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, for one hour.

LODGE OF EMERGENCY.

A Lodge of Past Masters convened in case of emergency, pursuant to a call of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, for the purpose of installing Brother Jonathan Jennings, Grand Master elect.—R. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother JONATHAN JENNINGS was installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and received the customary salutations and congratulations of the Brethren.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, G. M., presiding.

The following persons presented the Returns of their several Lodges and their credentials as representatives:

From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, James F. D. Lanier, *proxy;* Union Lodge, No. 2, Copeland P. J. Arion, Joseph B. Westgate, Michael G. Bright; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, James Morrison; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, George L. Murdock, *proxy;* Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, William H. Lilly, *proxy;* Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Abel C. Pepper; Vevay Lodge, No. 7, Stephen Whicher, jr., *proxy;* Posey Lodge, No. 9, Norman B. Booth; Harmony Lodge, No. 11, John Tipton, *proxy;* Scott Lodge, No. 12, Jesse Jackson; Palestine Lodge, No. 14, Rollin C. Dewey; Clinton Lodge, No. 16, Thomas J. Evans, *proxy;* Salem Lodge, No. 21, Marston G. Clark, *proxy;* Centre Lodge, No. 23, James M. Ray, *proxy;* Wayne Lodge, No. 25, John Tipton, *proxy.*

Past Masters.—John Meek, Jeremiah Sullivan, and Wm. C. Keen.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

Brothers JAMES MORRISON, JOHN TIPTON and NORMAN B. BOOTH,—a committee to examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and receipts of the Grand Charity Fund.

Brothers THOMAS DOUGLASS, JOHN TIPTON and THOMAS J. EVANS,—a committee to hear and examine into Grievances.

JEREMIAH SULLIVAN and ABEL C. PEPPER,—a committee to examine attendant and visiting Brethren.

Brothers ABEL C. PEPPER, JAMES M. RAY and NICHOLAS D. GROVER,—a committee to examine the Returns of subordinate Lodges, and the credentials of representatives.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Returns of subordinate Lodges and credentials of representatives, be referred to the select committee whose duty it is to examine, etc.

Brother *Tipton* presented the following petition of John Arbuthnot, praying an appeal from the decision of Clinton Lodge, No. 16, suspending him from the privileges of Masonry for twelve months; which was read, and on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Brothers Moredock, Whicher and Clark:

To the Most Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren, of Free and Accepted Masons, of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana.

Your petitioner, a Master Mason of Clinton Lodge, No. 16, feeling himself aggrieved by a late order made by said Lodge, suspending him from all the privileges of Masonry for twelve months, has thought proper to appeal to your ancient and honorable body for that justice which he thinks the Lodge of which he is a member, has denied him. A simple relation of facts will show how far the Lodge has acted correctly, and how far I have been justly dealt with in this matter. In the month of December last, a petition was presented to our Lodge, for Thomas B. Thompson to be initiated in the first degree of Masonry; when a ballot was about to be taken on his petition, I gave the Lodge to understand that I had an objection to Mr. Thompson, and should vote against him. I told what my objections were, and would here repeat them, did I think they had any relevancy. The Lodge, as a body, the Master,

and my particular friends in the Lodge, used all their influence to get me to vote for Mr. Thompson, to do which I absolutely refused. I was then persuaded to withhold my vote, and let Mr. Thompson be initiated, and I would perhaps become reconciled to him. Being so warmly solicited by my Brothers, I was overcome and withheld my vote, and Mr. Thompson was initiated into the privileges of the first degree of Masonry; in a short time after, another circumstance happened which confirmed me in the opinion I had some time entertained of this man; in the settlement of an account between us, he denied the existence of fact, which I knew he could not have forgotten, and indeed he did not pretend he had forgotten it, but made a statement in direct opposition to it, but he and myself were the only persons present, and my word and his were in direct opposition.

Under these circumstances, the committee on Charity and Grievances, sometime I believe in January last, (as to the exact time I am not certain) took up the subject of difference between Mr. Thompson and myself. Mr. Thompson acknowledged he had acted treacherously towards me, and betrayed the confidence I had placed in him, in relation to the *first matter* of difficulty between us, but still persisted in the statement he had previously made in the settlement of our accounts. The committee then insisted that I had better make up with Mr. Thompson, and put the affair at rest; I replied in substance, that I would not act so deceptively, as to say, "I meet you in friendship and Brotherly love," when my conscience told me I could not do it.

Since the Lodge had got Mr. Thompson initiated, contrary to my wish and previous determination, some of the members thereof seemed disposed to force me into measures. It was constantly urged that Mr. Thompson had acknowledged his error, and that I ought to forgive him. But was that the fact? No—he has never acknowledged to me, nor to any one beside, that I have heard of, that he made a false statement in the matter of our account. Is it then reasonable that I should go through the form of a reconciliation, when the causes which produced it still existed? If Masonry requires us to meet as Brothers, and act towards each other with brotherly love, how can this be reconciled with the requisition put on your petitioner, in requiring him to say he is reconciled, whether he is or not.

The committee on Charity and Grievances not having accomplished any thing, in March last the Lodge appointed a special committee to prefer charges against your petitioner, and several others, if any cause or causes existed for doing the same. In pursuance of which, said committee preferred charges against several members of the Lodge but as to your petitioner they found no grounds to justify preferring charges. Let it be recollected that this report was made in March last; I would also have it understood that Brother William Chittenden was of that committee. The matter thus rested without any thing further being done, or even attempted till at a called Lodge on the 25th day of September instant, the committee on Charity and Grievances made report, in substance, that your petitioner was guilty of unmasonic and uncharitable conduct towards Thomas B. Thompson, and though great exertions had been made by the committee and many Brethren of the Lodge, and although said Thompson had made concession to your petitioner, yet that your petitioner still persisted in his disaffection and determination to debar Brother Thompson from *further advancement in Masonry*. This committee was composed of Brothers William Chittenden, Samuel S. Boicourt, and Joel F. Casey. Let it be remembered that this same Brother Chittenden, was one of the committee of March last, when he reported that there existed no grounds on which to predicate a charge. Let it also be recollected that not one member of the Lodge, nor of the committee of Charity and Grievances

have spoken to your petitioner on the subject of a reconciliation since that time, and that no other cause has since transpired to make any change in relation to the matter since March last, and then see what reliance is to be placed in this report. I wish to cast no reflections upon any member of the Lodge, but I wish to show that they have acted rashly and imprudently. Brother Casey and Brother Boicourt told me that they were induced to sign the report from the representations made by Brother Chittenden. This report, as before stated, was made at a called meeting on the 25th instant, when an order was made suspending me from the Order for twelve months.* Now from this statement of facts, I appeal to you, Brothers, a band united in love and friendship, to say, whether justice has been done me. Is it right for a member of a Lodge to have a vote in the initiation of persons in the society to which he belongs? If so, is it not right that he should exercise that privilege according to the dictates of his own conscience? Was it right in the Master and Brethren of our Lodge to influence me not to vote on the occasion spoken of? Rather, was it not the duty of the Master to have compelled me to vote, unless I could have shown a reasonable cause? Was it right in the committee to attempt to compel me to receive Mr. Thompson by the hand of friendship, when a difficulty existed in which our words put us at issue? If it was not, was it right for the Lodge to heap upon me infamy and disgrace, for doing what my conscience told me I was acting right in? These facts, Brothers, I submit to your serious consideration. If consistent with justice and the rules of Masonry, I would urge the necessity of an immediate examination. I live a great distance from this place, and the expense of attending another meeting of the Grand Lodge, will be more than I ought in justice to take from my family. With much respect, Your Brother,

JOHN ARBUTHNOT.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for two hours, and then called to labor again.

On motion, Brothers Keen, Lanier and Jackson were appointed a committee to examine the communications of neighboring Grand Lodges.

The Grand Secretary reported several communications received from foreign Grand Lodges since the last Annual Grand Communication.

Brother *Pepper*, from the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc., made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

That James F. D. Lanier is the representative from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, as their *proxy;* C. P. J. Arion, Joseph B. Westgate, and Michael G. Bright, are the representatives from Union Lodge, No. 2,—being officers thereof; James Morrison is the representative from Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, being the Worshipful Master thereof; George L. Murdock is the representative from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, as their *proxy;* William H. Lilly is the representative from Pisgah Lodge, No. 5; Abel C. Pepper is the representative from Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, as Worshipful Master thereof; Stephen Whicher jr., is the representative from Vevay Lodge, No. 7; Marston G. Clark, is the representative from Salem Lodge, No. 21; James M. Ray is the representative from Centre Lodge, No. 23; Rollin C. Dewy is the representative

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* I asked the Worshipful Master for a continuance of the case until the next regular meeting, in which time I could prepare myself to defend the charges, but this request was refused me, and I was hurried into a trial unprepared, either with evidence or any thing else.

from Palestine Lodge, No. 14; Jesse Jackson is the representative from Scott Lodge, No. 12; John Tipton is the representative of Brookville Harmony Lodge, No. 11, as their *proxy;* Thomas J. Evans is the representative of Clinton Lodge, No. 16; Norman B. Booth is the representative of Posey Lodge, No. 9, as Worshipful Master thereof.

The committee have to remark, that the appointment of George L. Murdock, as *proxy* of Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, and of John Tipton, as *proxy* of Brookville Harmony Lodge, No. 11, are not certified by the Secretaries of those Lodges under the seals thereof, but appear to be made in good faith and under the private seals of the Masters thereof. The committee therefore recommend that they be received as the *proxies* of those Lodges.

Brother *Morrison* presented the following Report of Blazing Star Lodge, relative to the account of said Lodge with the Grand Lodge; which was read, and on motion, referred to the committee on Accounts:

That they have collected such evidence on the subject as to induce a conviction that this Lodge has heretofore punctually discharged its dues to the Grand Lodge, and in support of this opinion submit the following facts:

The following are the items contained in the Grand Secretary's communication:

Dr.—Sept, 5818,	To thirty members, at fifty cents each,	$15 00
" " "	four Initiations, at one dollar each	4 00
Sept., 5819, "	twenty-nine members, at fifty cents each,	14 50
" " "	six Initiations, at one dollar each,	6 00
		$39 50
Cr.—By Cash, Sept., 5819,		50
Due		$39 00

A cash payment of dues was made in January, 1818, as appears by the following voucher on file, to-wit:

Received of Brother Alexander Buckner the sum of fifteen dollars for which Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, which he represented in this M. W. Grand Lodge, is to receive a credit on the payment of their dues to the same, at its next Annual Grand Communication. Witness my hand, as Secretary of said M. W. Grand Lodge, this 15th day of January, 1818. H. P. THORNTON, Grand Sec.

In September, 1818, a requisition was made upon the subordinate Lodges for a loan of $20, from each. This Lodge complied, as appears from the following voucher on file, to-wit:

Received of Brother Evan Shelby, Treasurer of Blazing Star Lodge, $20 in full of a requisition and loan made to M. W. Grand Lodge, by said Lodge, Sept. 18, 1818.
H. L. MINER.

That this sum was duly paid there is no doubt—several Brethren of this Lodge avouch this; assuming then that this Lodge was entitled to a credit of thirty-five dollars, at the Annual Grand Communication in September, 1818, the Grand Lodge was indebted to this Lodge in the sum of sixteen dollars, after deducting the nineteen dollars of dues therefrom. At the Annual Grand Communication in September, 1819, this Lodge was indebted but four dollars and fifty cents. Although your committee can find no voucher to prove the payment of this last sum, yet the minutes of the Annual Grand Communication held in September, 1819, are at least very strong presumptive proof of the fact. In the Grand Secretary's account of payments received from subordinate Lodges, the following item is found, "Blazing Star Lodge,

No. 3, balance due fifty cents." The words "a balance," show plainly as your committee think, the sum of fifty cents is all that this Lodge stood indebted to the Grand Lodge in September, 1819. If these words do not mean this, your committee would respectfully inquire what they do really import? That they do bear this sense is also obvious from an item contained in the account allowed Brother I. Howk, the representative of this Lodge at that time, to-wit:

"Cash paid Grand Lodge, for balance of dues, fifty cents." Your committee are therefore constrained to believe that the account of this Lodge in favor of the Grand Lodge is irregular, inasmuch as the proper credits are not given, and inasmuch as the acknowledgment of the minutes of the Grand Lodge of a balance having been paid by this Lodge, shows satisfactorily to your committee, that nothing prior to the payment of the balance should with any semblance of justice be made the subject of a subsequent claim.

Brother *Whicher* presented the following statement of a claim due Vevay Lodge from Vincennes Lodge, which was read, and on motion, referred to the committee on Accounts:

WHEREAS, it appears from the returns of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, that Daniel P. M'Donald was admitted a member of said Lodge in 5823, and it is alleged that he was then a member of Vevay Lodge, No. 7, and in arrears with the said Vevay Lodge; and it is alleged that by admitting Brother M'Donald, Vincennes Lodge has assumed the payment of the amount of his arrearages: Therefore,

Resolved, That the committee of Accounts be instructed to inquire into the expediency of instructing the Grand Secretary to charge Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, with the amount of Brother M'Donald's arrearages, and credit Vevay Lodge, No. 7, with the same.

Brother C. P. J. Arion, one of the representatives from Union Lodge, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

Brother Jeremiah Sullivan, of Union Lodge, presented the written request of Brother C. P. J. Arion, Master of said Lodge, that he, the said Sullivan, be permitted to act as the *proxy* of said Arion: which was read, and on motion, the request granted.

Brothers William H. Lilly, Grand Treasurer, Henry P. Thornton, Grand Orator, entered and took their seats.

On motion, Brothers Douglass, Lilly and Whicher were appointed a committee to report what business of the last Annual Grand Communication remained unfinished, and which ought to be acted upon during this Communication.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

JONATHAN JENNINGS,
Grand Master.

Attest:—WM. C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, October 5, 1824.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, G. M., presiding.

The Grand Secretary presented the following communication from

Brother Robert Sturgus, one of the Grand Visitors of the first district, which was read and referred to the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges:

CARLISLE, September 30, 1824.

Dear Sir,—Not having it in my power to make any report to the Grand Lodge as one of the Grand Visitors, I will barely make a statement to you, as being the opinion of Bro. Moffit as well as myself, (not being able to confer with Brother Scott, he being absent,) that the proceedings of Terre Haute Lodge have been informal, and not agreeable to the By-laws of the Lodge.

In this, that they have not had a regularly installed officer in that Lodge for the last six months or more, and that for at least three meetings or evenings when the Lodge should have met, agreeable to their By-laws, the Lodge was not opened, in consequence of there not being the constitutional number of members, that the work of that Lodge, (with the exception of the installation of officers,) is correct I have no doubt, and they, the members, calculate to surrender their Charter to the Grand Lodge, but had rather the Grand Lodge should not take it from them at this time.

As regards the Carlisle Lodge, from my own knowledge of it, and from the opinion of Brother Moffit, (who is an honorary member of the same,) is that their proceedings have been and are correct, and deserve the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Moffit states that the proceedings of the Vincennes Lodge appears to be correct, agreeably to their By-laws and the Rules of Masonry, but that he could not at this time make any Report of it. The other Lodges in this district I have not been able to visit. With respect and esteem, I remain Yours,

ROBERT STURGUS.

Brother *Lanier*, from the select committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges, made the following report, which was read and referred to the Grand Committee:

That the communications received since the last Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of this State are numerous and voluminous, to-wit:—From the Grand Lodges of the States of New York, South Carolina, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Missouri, Ohio, North Carolina, Virginia, New Jersey, Kentucky, Alabama, Maine, Vermont and Mississippi, containing copies and extracts of their respective proceedings, in which they have not discovered any thing contained, requiring from this Grand Lodge more than the usual faternal interchange of its proceedings and salutations, except in the proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, on which this committee beg leave to make a separate report.

Brother *Douglass*, from the select committee on unfinished business, made the following report, which was read and referred to the Grand Committee:

That it appears by the journal of the proceedings of the last Annual Grand Communication, there yet remains unfinished:—

The business relative to a resolution concerning Washington Lodge, No. 13, page 80; concerning subordinate Lodges, page 81; concerning Emerson's case, pages 13 and 37; concerning Freeman's case, page 29; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, page 52; the difference existing between the Grand Lodge of Ohio and Indiana, page

49; resolution respecting suspensions, page 58; the matter of A. S. Burnet, page 67; resolution respecting Lodges in arrears, pages 70 and 72.

Brother *Ray*, from the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc., made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

That William M. Purdy is the representative from Hiram Lodge, No. 18, being the Worshipful Master thereof; that Josiah Andrews as Worshipful Master, and William A. Bullock as Junior Warden, are the representatives from Jennings Lodge, No. 17; that Garret M'Can is the representative from Zif Lodge, No. 8.

On motion, the committee on Accounts were instructed to examine the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, and report what amount of money has been received and expended since the organization of this Grand Lodge, and what amount is on hand at this time.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was adjourned, until three o'clock this afternoon; and to meet in Grand Committee, *instanter*.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, G. M., presiding.

On motion, Brothers Keen, Dewey and Lodge were appointed a committee to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation.

The Grand Secretary presented the workings of Hindostan Lodge (U. D.) at Hindostan ; which were referred to the committee on workings of subordinate Lodges.

Brother *Douglass*, D. G. M., and Chairman of the Grand Committee, made a verbal report,—that said committee had so much of the unfinished business of the last Communication under consideration as related to the expulsion of Joseph B. Emerson, and have made some progress in the investigation of that subject, and ask leave to sit again; which was granted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned for one hour; and to meet in Grand Committee, *instanter*.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Douglass*, D. G. M., and Chairman of the Grand Committee, made a verbal report,—that said Committee had so much of the unfinished business of the last Communication under consideration as relates to the suspension of Elam S. Freeman, and the expulsion of Joseph B. Emerson, and have made considerable progress in the investigation of said subjects, and ask leave to sit again. Whereupon, Leave was granted for said Committee to sit again at nine o'clock, to morrow morning

Brother *Whicher, jr.*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report; which was read, and after being amended by striking out from the word "report" to the word "*Resolved*," was then concurred in:

The select committee to whom was referred the petition of John Arbuthnot, late a member of Clinton Lodge, No. 16, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

That after an attentive examination of said petition and accompanying documents, they find a difficulty existing among the members of Clinton Lodge, No. 16, which can not easily be reconciled without a sacrifice either of opinion on the part of the petitioner, or of a member, and perhaps a useful one, on the part of the Lodge.

It appears from the documents accompanying the petition, that the petitioner on the balloting for the admission of Mr. Thompson to the first degree of Masonry, was persuaded to withhold his vote. This your committee conceive to be an act on the part of some of the members of Clinton Lodge, not only unwarranted by the rules of Masonry, but subversive of the first principles of the Order. Yet your committee can see no good reason, since the objection was stated, and, in the opinion of your committee a sufficient apology made, why the petitioner should withhold his assent against the unanimous opinion of the Lodge, expressed after a full hearing of all the objections made—but though we may express our surprise, we can not deprive him of this right. Whatever may have been the governing motive of the petitioner in the course taken, whether he acted from the purest motive of the human mind, or from a sordid and revengeful temper originating in selfish and malevolent passions, is neither our right to inquire, nor his duty to divulge. It is a matter of conscience resting between him and his God. The foundations of Masonry are fixed in the social feelings of our nature, and for one to measure those feelings by the standard of his own, would be to destroy the chief corner stone of our edifice, and our superstructure would crumble to dust. To set up an inquisitorial jurisdiction over the conscience is as unchristian as it is unmasonic. For man to sound the conscience of man, and dictate a course of repentance, is as repugnant to the rightful exercise of the universally admitted relative rights and dictates of a Mason, as it is adverse to the free exercise of the absolute civil rights of an individual. That the petitioner exercised a constitutional right is sufficient for us to know.

It is stated by the petitioner, and this testimony is corroborated by the testimony of the Senior Deacon, that an application was made for a postponement of the consideration of the charges until the next regular communication, when the petitioner could get in possession of facts which would further satisfy the Lodge of his innocence,—which was overruled.

Unless the Lodge had good cause for believing this application made merely for delay and not to obtain justice, it was a dereliction from the dignified course which ought to be pursued by every deliberative body, and more particularly from the character of Freemasons, to refuse this indulgence.

It were unnecessary to go into a further detail of the evidence before us: suffice it to say we see nothing in the evidence, to say nothing about the specifications supporting the charge, to warrant Clinton Lodge, No. 16, in suspending the petitioner from the benefits of Masonry, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, that the decision of Clinton Lodge, No. 16, in suspending John Arbuthnot from the privileges of Masonry, for twelve months, be reversed.

Brother *Ray*, the *proxy* for Center Lodge, No. 23, presented the By-Laws of said Lodge for the inspection of the Grand Lodge; which were referred to the committee on workings of Lodges under Dispensation. (The By-Laws of this Lodge should have accompanied the workings of said Lodge while under Dispensation, and which ought to have been presented at the last Annual Communication; but from some cause had not been returned.)

Brother *Grover* presented the following resolution, which was read, and on motion, laid on the table:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge go into an election of Grand Officers to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

JONATHAN JENNINGS,
Grand Master.

Attest:—WM. C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, October 6, 1824.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M. M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, G. M., presiding.

Brother Garrett M'Can, the representative from Zif Lodge, No. 8, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

Brother *William C. Keen* presented the written request of Brother Garrett M'Can, that the said Keen be permitted to act as the *proxy* for Zif Lodge; which was granted.

On motion, the Grand Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the case of Joseph H. Coburn against Lawrenceburg Lodge.

Brother *Dewey*, from the committee on workings of Lodges under Dispensation, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

That we have examined the working of Hindostan Harmony Lodge, held at Hindostan, and find the same correct with one exception, to-wit: that at the regular meeting in August last, it appears from the minutes that the said Lodge conferred the degree of Fellow Craft in an Entered Apprentices' Lodge; but inasmuch as the Master of said Lodge has given satisfactory evidence to your committee, that the mistake was made by the Secretary in copying their minutes, and not by the Lodge, your committee think their request for a Charter ought to be granted.

Brother Jesse Jackson, the representative from Scott Lodge, No, 12, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

Brother *Henry P. Thornton* presented the request of Brother Jackson, that the said Thornton be permitted to act as the *proxy* for Scott Lodge; which request was granted.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Charter issue to Hindostan Harmony Lodge, to be known hereafter as *Hindostan Lodge*, No. 26, and that JOHN REILY be the first Master thereof, *James Foyles*, the first Senior Warden, and *Joseph D. Clements*, the first Junior Warden.

Brother John Reily took his seat as the representative from Hindostan Lodge, No. 26.

Brother *Dewey* presented the following resolution, which was read, and on motion, laid on the table:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will form in grand procession and march from their Hall at 3 o'clock, P. M., to some suitable place for the purpose of receiving the benefit of a discourse from Brother Grand Chaplain and Grand Orator, who are hereby requested to officiate on that occasion.

Brother *Whicher, jr.*, presented the following resolution, which was read, and on motion, referred to the Grand Committee, and made the order of the day for to-morrow:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to charge all subordinate Lodges with the amount of dues, in accordance with the following resolution, adopted at the last session, to-wit:—"*Resolved*, That the subordinate Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be directed to charge all Master Masons residing within the jurisdiction of their respective Lodges, with Grand Lodge dues."

Brother *Lilly*, Grand Treasurer, made the following report:

There remained in my hands on the 6th of October, 1823, including Kentucky paper, due bills, etc.,		$262 68¾
There have been received since that period from the Grand Secretary,		260 97
From Olive Branch Lodge,		8 00
From Hindostan Lodge under Dispensation,		5 00
From Albion Lodge,		28 00
		$564 65¾
Since the above period there has been paid for claims allowed,	$213 60	
Credit by allowance for my per cent. as Grand Treasurer,	28 25	
		$241 85
Leaving a balance in my hands including due bills, Ky. paper, etc.,		$322 80¾

Brothers Josiah Andrews and William A. Bullock, the representatives from Jennings Lodge, No. 17, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

Brother *Jeremiah Sullivan* presented the request of Brothers Andrews and Bullock, that the said Sullivan be permitted to act as the *proxy* for Jennings Lodge; which request was granted.

Brother Thomas J. Evans, the representative from Clinton Lodge, No. 16, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session. Brother Evans requested that Marston G. Clark be permitted to act as the *proxy* for Clinton Lodge; which was granted.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, for one hour; and to meet in Grand Committee, *instanter*.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Douglass*, D. G. M., and Chairman of the Grand Committee, made the following report:

That said Committee had so much of the unfinished business of the last Communication before them, as relates to the expulsion of Joseph B. Emerson, and have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the papers connected with the petition of Joseph B. Emerson be referred to Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, with instructions to afford the said Emerson a new trial, and that the Grand Secretary inform him thereof, and that James Moffit be instructed and required to attend to the trial in his behalf; also, so much as relates to the suspension of Elam S. Freeman, and have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the further consideration of said appeal be postponed until the next Annual Grand Communication.

Also, so much as relates to the moneys paid by Brookville Harmony Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand committee be discharged from the further consideration of said subject.

Also, so much as relates to the expediency of continuing the practice of publishing in public papers the number of persons returned by subordinate Lodges as suspended, and have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the said resolution as offered at the last Annual Grand Communication be adopted.

Also, so much as relates to the initiation of Alexander S. Burnet into the mysteries of Masonry, by Abram's Lodge, No. 8, of Louisville, Kentucky, the said Abram's Lodge knowing that the said Burnet had been rejected by Zif Lodge, No. 8, Indiana, and have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Committee be discharged from the further consideration of said subject.

Also, so much as relates to moneys due from subordinate Lodges, and have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Committee be discharged from the further consideration of said subject.

Also, so much as relates to directing the subordinate Lodges, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to charge all Master Masons residing within the jurisdiction of their respective Lodges, with Grand Lodge dues, and have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the said resolution, as offered at the last Annual Grand Communication be adopted.

Also, that said committee have had under consideration the report of the committee on foreign communications, and beg leave to make a separate report.

To all which he was directed by the Grand committee to ask the concurrence of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, so much of the report of the Grand Committee as relates to directing subordinate Lodges to charge all Master Masons residing within the jurisdiction of their respective Lodges with Grand Lodge dues, was laid over until to-morrow. So much as relates to the expulsion of Joseph

B. Emerson, was laid over until this afternoon. So much as relates to moneys due from subordinate Lodges, was concurred in, and the Grand Committee discharged from the further consideration of that subject. So much as relates to the suspension of Elam S. Freeman, was concurred in, and the further consideration of the appeal continued until the next Grand Communication. So much as relates to the moneys paid by Brookville Harmony Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was concurred in. So much as relates to the expediency of continuing the practice of publishing in public papers the names of persons returned by subordinate Lodges, was concurred in, and the resolution presented at the last Grand Communication adopted. And so much as relates to the case of Alexander S. Burnet, was concurred in, and the Grand Committee discharged from the further consideration of that subject.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

LODGE OF EMERGENCY.

A Lodge of Past Masters, called by the M. W. Grand Master, convened for the purpose of installing Brother John Reily, the Master elect of Hindostan Lodge, No. 26.—M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, G. M., presiding.

Brother John Reily was duly installed the Worshipful Master of Hindostan Lodge, No. 26, and received the customary congratulations and salutations of the Brethren present.

HALF PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, G. M., presiding.

Brother John Reily, the representative from Hindostan Lodge, No. 26, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session. Brother Reily requested that Rollin C. Dewey be permitted to act as *proxy* for Hindostan Lodge; which request was granted.

On motion, the Grand Committee was discharged from the consideration of the case of Washington Lodge, No. 13; and the consideration of that subject was laid over until to-morrow morning.

On motion, the documents filed relative to the initiation of A. S. Burnet, by Abram's Lodge, No. 8, of Kentucky, were referred to a select committee consisting of Brothers Whicher, jr., Sullivan and Tipton, with instructions to draft a respectful memorial to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

On motion, so much of the report made by the Grand Committee, as relates to communications from foreign Grand Lodges, was concurred in.

Brother *Lanier*, from the committee on communications from foreign Grand Lodges, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

That after an attentive examination of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio relative to a claim of this Grand Lodge, for dues received of Brookville Harmony Lodge, they are of opinion that this Grand Lodge is not entitled to the sum demanded, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recede from their claim aforesaid.

The following resolution was read, and on motion, laid on the table:

Resolved, That twenty dollars be placed in the hands of Brother A. C. Pepper, to be applied to the relief of the family of our deceased Brother, Moses Tapley.

The resolution, offered this morning, in relation to the procession and discourses from the Grand Chaplain and Grand Orator, was taken up, and on motion, indefinitely postponed.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

JONATHAN JENNINGS,
Grand Master.

Attest:—Wm. C. Keen, *G. Sec'y.*

Thursday, October 7, 1824.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M. M. W., Jonathan Jennings, G. M., presiding.

Brother William Marshal, the representative from Washington Lodge, No. 13, entered, presented the Return of said Lodge, and his credentials as representative; which were referred to the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc.

Brother *Ray*, from the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc., to whom was referred the letter from Brother Robert Sturgus, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee to whom was referred the report of Brother Robert Sturgus, one of the Grand Visitors, beg leave to report, that with regret they have to notice the informal and irregular proceedings of the Terre Haute Lodge, and almost hesitate to say that the leniency of this Grand Lodge should be extended so far as to postpone any order thereon, which the true interests and honor of the Fraternity would seem to require.

As however it is suggested by the Grand Visitor, that the members of that Lodge have it in contemplation to surrender their Charter, your committee recommend that no further notice be taken of the case at the present Communication.

On motion, the complaint against Lawrenceburg Lodge, was referred to a select committee, consisting of Brothers Lanier, Whicher, jr., and Pepper.

Brother *Pepper*, one of the Visitors of the sixth district, made the following report, which was received and filed:

That they have visited the several Lodges in the said district, and find some of them greatly deficient in Masonic knowledge; the officers in some of them not

being able from the want of Masonic information, regularly to open and close a Lodge in ancient Masonic form. The records of the proceedings of the said several Lodges appear generally to be regularly kept, with this exception, that in some instances they are not signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary, which your Visitors think indispensably necessary; in all of which cases your Grand Visitors have given such instructions as they believe promises to warrant future correctness. Your Grand Visitors flatter themselves their efforts have been attended with success in restoring good order and harmony in some of the Lodges where different feelings seemed to prevail previous to their friendly interference. Your Grand Visitors believe that the resolution appointing Grand Visitors, which was adopted at the last Annual Grand Communication was well advised, and has been attended with good effects; yet they beg leave to suggest as their opinion that the system of lectures adopted by this Grand Lodge could be taught with much more advantage to the subordinate Lodges by some well informed Brother, who might be appointed Grand Lecturer, and whose duty it should be made to spend as much time with each of the Lodges as would be necessary to instruct officers completely in the lectures.

Brother *Pepper*, from the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc., made a verbal report,—that Brother William Marshal is the representative from Washington Lodge, No. 13, being the Worshipful Master thereof; thereupon, Brother Marshal took his seat.

Brother *Douglass* presented the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie over till the next Annual Grand Communication:

Resolved, That the following amendment be added to the fifth section of the Constitution, to-wit:

"4. A committee of two members to inspect the workings of Lodges under Dispensation.

5. A committee of two members upon unfinished business.

6. A committee of three members on foreign communications."

Brother *Morrison*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was read and concurred in, and the accompanying documents referred to the Grand Committee:

That they have performed that duty so far as to be able to submit to this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge a statement exhibiting the number of members of Lodges subordinate to this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge since the commencement thereof, together with the number of initiations, and the sums received and due from each Lodge, etc., which report marked A, is herewith submitted.

Your committee also submit to this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Treasury since the commencement of this Worshipful Grand Lodge, collected from such documents as were within their reach, marked B. From this last report it appears there was in the hands of the Grand Treasurer at the last Annual Communication, the sum of $262 68¾.

Of this sum there are $49, in notes against Brethren, to-wit: Brother Thomas Douglass' note, $36, Brother E. Stout's note, $8, Brother H. P. Thornton's note, $5.

There was also received by the present Grand Treasurer, from R. C. Talbott, former Grand Treasurer, in Kentucky paper, $183; and from the present Grand Secretary, $100, in the same paper. This Kentucky money was at the time it was received, at one-half its nominal value. After deducting the amount of the notes,

and reducing the Kentucky paper to its intrinsic value, your Committee find the actual amount of the Grand Charity Fund, at the commencement of the present session, to be $92 50.

Your Committee will not pretend to determine who should indemnify this Fund for the loss it has sustained by the reception of depreciated paper. Neither could they say one word concerning the notes of the Brethren in the hands of the Treasurer, did they not conceive themselves called upon by a sense of duty to recommend their immediate collection by the Treasurer. The Grand Charity Fund is at a low ebb, and your Committee can not but urge the necessity of the collection of all dues to the Lodge.

The Grand Secretary states that he has received from subordinate Lodges since the last Annual Communication, the sum of $309 11½. The Grand Treasurer has also received since the same period, the sum of $41, and which amounts exclusive of the sum above reported, making the Grand Charity Fund at this time $350 11½.

Out of this amount is to be deducted the expenses of the present Communication, and also for printing, etc. What will be the probable amount of these expenses, your Committee at present can not conjecture.

According to statement A, there is charged to subordinate Lodges the aggregate sum of $2,528. There has been received from them $1,977 12½, leaving a balance in favor of this Grand Lodge of $550 87½. Your Committee can not believe that this sum is really due from subordinate Lodges. The claim against Blazing Star, No. 3, is, as has been already reported by your Committee, erroneous. This, although but one instance of error which has come to the knowledge of your Committee, is, however, a pretty certain indication that there are other similar errors.

It must be remarked, however, that this error has not originated with the present Grand Secretary. So far as your Committee have had the opportunity of examining his books and papers, they appear to be regular and neatly kept.

There appears by the book of the Grand Treasurer a difference between the amount which brother R. C. Talbott, former Grand Secretary, acknowledges in his account current to have received, and the amount credited to the several subordinate Lodges, of $38; and how this error has originated, your Committee can not determine. The books at that time were kept so loosely as to render it almost impossible to understand precisely how the funds of this Grand Lodge have been managed. They will however submit the following general statement:—

Statement A shows that the sum of $1,977 12½, has been received from subordinate Lodges. The present Grand Secretary appears to have paid over to the present Grand Treasurer as follows, to-wit:

Amount received from R. C. Talbott, former Grand Treasurer,	$283	00
Paid at Annual Communication in September, 1820	237	50
" " " " " 1821	304	31¾
" " " " October, 1822	390	12¾
" " " " " 1823	260	97
Paid by Olive Branch Lodge, 1821	65	00
Difference against R. C. Talbott, former Grand Treasurer	38	00
Credits by votes of Grand Lodge	48	00
Paid to Grand Secretary since last Communication	309	21
Paid to Grand Treasurer since last Communication	41	00
	$1,977	12½

Your Committee can not conclude without expressing a conviction that the present Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary have faithfully discharged their duty.

Your Committee have had under consideration the transcript of the record of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, on the subject of the $39, claimed by this M. W. Grand Lodge, as being due from No. 3, and are of opinion that Lodge No. 3 is entitled to a credit for $15, advanced in January, 1818, $20, advanced in September, 1818, and $5 50, paid as a balance in 1818, making $35 50; but there is no evidence before your Committee that prove the payment of the further sum of $3 50 as claimed by Lodge No. 3. But from the loose manner in which the financial concerns of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was managed in 1818, '19, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary enter a credit of thirty-nine dollars to Lodge No. 3, for the years 1818, and 1819.

Your Committee have had under their consideration the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of directing the Grand Secretary to credit Vevay Lodge, No. 7, and charge Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, with the amount from Daniel P. Maiderald, to Lodge No. 7, and are of opinion that it is inexpedient.

DOCUMENT A.—*Statement showing the number of Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, since the commencement thereof, together with the number of initiations; the several sums received therefrom for Charters, Dispensations, membership and initiations, and the sums due from each Lodge, etc.*

LODGES.	1818		1819		1820		1821		1822		1823		1824		Charters,	Dispensation,	Aggregate.	Amount paid.	Am'nt due.
	Members,	Initiated,	Members,	Initiated,	Members,	Initiated,	Members,	Initiated,	Members,	Initiated,	Members,	Initiated,	Members,	Initiated,					
Vincennes,	40	7	50	17	41	3	37	3	30	3	17	...	22	...	...	...	151.50	114.00	37.50
Union,	26	2	24	2	29	10	29	5	24	2	19	4	21	3	...	...	114.00	100 00	14.00
Blaz'g Star,	30	4	29	6	33	6	34	3	27	3	23	1	27	3	...	...	127.50	88.00	39.50
Lawrenceb.,	28	7	38	27	31	1	22	...	28	3	20	...	17	...	...	...	131.00	86.00	45.00
Pisgah,	34	17	33	10	33	6	43	6	36	1	19	...	20	2	...	...	151.00	121.50	29.50
Rising Sun,	...	...	...	...	30	2	29	...	29	1	26	10	33	...	...	...	97.50	70.50	27.00
Vevay,	...	...	28	11	18	3	16	2	15	1	15	...	17	...	30	5	107.50	47.00	60.50
Zif,	...	...	10	...	24	15	33	8	35	15	30	...	26	6	30	5	158.00	121.00	37.00
Posey,	...	...	11	...	26	15	30	5	28	1	21	...	19	4	30	5	127.50	127 50	.....
Olive Br'ch,	...	...	17	...	33	9	28	3	21	3	14	1	...	...	30	5	107.50	107.50	.....
Harmony,	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	35	13	31	2	19	2	...	...	75.00	64.75	10.25
Scott,	...	...	...	...	11	5	12	4	10	...	...	...	17	2	30	5	71 00	60 50	10.50
Washington	...	...	...	...	20	8	24	...	34	13	...	...	...	...	30	5	95.00	24.00	71.00
Palestine,	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	3	13	3	12	1	13	...	30	5	67.50	67.50	.....
Warren,	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	19	29	10	18	3	...	...	30	5	104.00	104.00	.....
Clinton,	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	24	41	8	32	2	27	6	30	5	143.59	121.12	22.38
Jennings,	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	3	23	14	20	...	15	4	30	5	91.00	85.50	5.50
Hiram,	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	1	16	6	14	1	16	4	30	5	75.50	75.50	.....
Terre Haute	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	8	26	4	32	6	...	...	30	10	98.00	86.00	12.00
St. John's,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	11	...	...	..	...	30	5	53.00	33.00	20.00
Salem,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	3	17	2	12	2	30	5	63.00	48.00	15.00
Bloom'gton,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	14	5	...	...	30	5	51.50	35.75	15.75
Center,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	25	1	30	5	59.00	10.50	48.50
Webb,	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	4	...	...	30	5	46.00	46.00	.....
Wayne,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	8	1	30	5	44.00	44.00	.....
Hindoston,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	6	30	5	48.00	18.00	30.00
Unity (U.D.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	26.50	26.50	.....
Albion "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	14	19	2	...	...	...	5	43.50	43.50	.....
																	2528.00	1977.12	550.88

DOCUMENT B.—*Statement of the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.*

Debtor.—Brother Richard C. Talbott, former Grand Treasurer, received, as appears by his account current with this G. Lodge, dated 7th September, 1821	$278 00
H. P. Thornton's note,	5 00
	$283 00
Brother William H. Lilly, present Grand Treasurer, acknowledges the receipt of $237 50, as per his report to Annual Grand Communication, in September, 1821	$237 50
Brother Lilly, present Grand Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of $558, up to Annual Grand Communication in October, 1822	$558 00
Brother Lilly, present Grand Treasurer, acknowledges in his hands up Annual Grand Communication in October, 1823	$614 12½
Creditor.—Brother Richard C. Talbott paid out as per his account of 7th September, 1821	$263 77½
There is also credited to Brother Talbott, an order drawn by Brother Howk, or Brother A. A. Meek, for	14 00
Brother Thornton's note	5 00
Cash paid present Grand Treasurer	25
	$283 02¾
Brother William H. Lilly, present Grand Treasurer, is credited, 10th September, 1821, with	$163 00
(This amount includes Brother E. Stout's note for $8.)	
Leaving a balance in Grand Treasurer's hands	74 50
	$237 50
Brother Lilly, Grand Treasurer, disbursed up to October, 1822, the sum of	$558 00
Brother Lilly, Grand Treasurer, disbursed up to October, 1823, the sum of	351 43¾
Leaving a balance in the hands of Brother, Grand Treasurer, at the last Annual Grand Communication, of	262 68¾
	$614 12½

On motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to give Blazing Star Lodge a credit of thirty-nine dollars.

Brother James Whitcomb presented the Return of Bloomington Lodge, No. 22, and his credentials as a representative; which were referred to the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc.

Brother *Pepper*, from the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, made the following report:

That Brother James Whitcomb is the representative of Bloomington Lodge, No. 22, he being the Worshipful Master thereof.

Whereupon, Brother Whitcomb took his seat, as the representative from said Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, to go into Grand Committee.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Douglass*, D. G. M., and Chairman of the Grand Committee, reported back the resolution instructing the Grand Secretary to charge subordinate Lodges with Grand Lodge dues, for all Master Masons residing within their jurisdiction, without amendment, and recommended its adoption; which was not concurred in, and the resolution indefinitely postponed.

Brother *Pepper* presented the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge appoint a Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be to visit each of the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge at some convenient time before the next Annual Grand Communication, and instruct them in the system of lectures adopted by this Grand Lodge; who shall be entitled to receive from the subordinate Lodges a reasonable compensation for his services.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge proceed at two o'clock this afternoon, to elect Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months.

The resolution, offered yesterday, relative to the relief of Brother Tapley's family, was amended by adding:

That ten dollars be placed in the hands of Brother Stephen Whicher, jr., to be applied to the relief of the widow Finch, of Vevay, relict of Brother Jabal Finch, deceased.

That ten dollars be placed in the hands of Brother William H. Lilly, to be applied to the relief of the widow Ashworth, of Corydon, relict of Bro. —— Ashworth.

That ten dollars be placed in the hands of Brother William Marshal, to be applied to the relief of the family of Brother Absalom Parker, deceased.

And that the several persons aforesaid, appointed as aforesaid, to receive and pay over the several sums aforesaid be required to produce to the next Grand Communication receipts from the several persons for whose relief the several sums aforesaid have been appropriated.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

The following resolution was presented, and referred to a select committee, consisting of Brothers Tipton, Clark and Sullivan:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be placed in the hands of Brother William Marshal, of Brownstown, for the relief of the widow Burge, relict of Robert Burge, deceased, a Master Mason.

On motion, Brothers Dewey, Morrison and Lilly were appointed a committee to inquire into and report on the expediency of establishing uniform fees to be paid for conferring the several degrees in all the Lodges subornate to the Grand Lodge.

Brother William Purdy, the representative from Hiram Lodge, No. 18, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

Brother *Tipton* presented the request of Brother Purdy, that John Tipton be permitted to act as the *proxy* for Hiram Lodge; which was granted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, until one o'clock this ofternoon, and then called to labor again.

Brother *Lanier*, from the committee to whom was referred the complaint of Brother Joseph H. Coburn against Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

WHEREAS, it appears to this committee, that at the Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge in the year 1822, by a resolution of said Grand Lodge, Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, was cited to appear at its next Annual Grand Communication, to show cause why said Lodge refused admission to Brother Joseph H. Coburn, who had previous to that time been suspended from the privileges of Masonry for the term of six months, which term had elapsed. And at the last Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge, said Lodge not appearing to answer said citation, they were cited to appear at the present Annual Grand Communication to show cause why their Charter should not be arrested from them for their contempt in not appearing and answering said citation, at the last Annual Grand Communication.

AND WHEREAS, it also appearing to the satisfaction of this committee, from statements made by Brother Murdock, representative of said Lodge, that the reason why said Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, did not appear as cited at last Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge was, that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1822, did not reach them until after the session of this Grand Lodge in 1823, and consequently had no notice of the resolution citing them to appear and answer the same at its last Annual Grand Communication.

AND WHEREAS, it also appearing to the satisfaction of this committee, that all differences heretofore existing between Brother Coburn and said Lodge, are amicably and entirely settled and adjusted, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, By this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, that all proceedings against Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, relative to the matter of Brother Joseph H. Coburn be dismissed, and that they be restored to all their privileges and immunities, as if said proceedings never were had against them.

On motion, the Grand Committee was discharged from the further consideration of so much of the report of the Committee on Accounts, as is contained in Documents A and B; and the same was concured in.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, for the ensuing twelve months. The following Brethren were duly elected, and proclaimed accordingly:

M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, Grand Master.
R. W., ABEL C. PEPPER, Deputy Grand Master.
W., MARSTON G. CLARK, Senior Grand Warden.
" GEORGE L. MURDOCK, Junior Grand Warden.
" WILLIAM H. LILLY, Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" WILLIAM M. PURDY, Senior Grand Deacon.
" THOMAS J. EVANS, Junior Grand Deacon.
" CALVIN C. RUTER, Grand Chaplain.
" HENRY P. THORNTON, Grand Orator.
" RICHARD C. TALBOTT, Grand Marshal.
" JAMES M. RAY, Grand Sword Bearer.
" MICHAEL G. BRIGHT, Grand Pursuivant.
" CYRUS VIGUS, Grand Steward and Tyler.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at Salem, on the first Monday in October, 1825.

The resolution relative to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, was

taken under consideration, and on motion, indefinitely postponed,—(a vote by Lodges being called for the ballot stood—*Ayes*, 11; *Nays*, 8).

Brother *Whicher*, from the Committee to whom were referred the documents and resolutions on the subject of the initiation of Alexander S. Burnet, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That they have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, as the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that it is unmasonic for any Lodge working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to initiate any person applying for the same, when it shall be made known to such subordinate Lodge, that the applicant had been rejected by any other Lodge without the consent and approbation of the Lodge by which he was rejected.

And also, the following communication, to-wit:

"*The M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana, to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky,—Send Greeting:*

"Health, Peace and Prosperity. Inclosed we send you the petition of our Zif Lodge, No. 8, together with our resolution on the same, and beg your interference therein, (should you deem it proper,) adopt our resolution on your part.]

"With the highest sentiments of Fraternal regard, We are, Brethren,

"Your Fellow laborers,

"Stephen Whicher, Jr., *Chairman of the Committee.*"

The Grand Secretary, from the committee on workings of Lodges under Dispensation, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Center Lodge, No. 23, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

That we find nothing contained in the By-laws of said Lodge, contravening the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, or the ancient principles of Masonry. We therefore recommend the approval of the same.

On motion, Brothers Douglass, Tipton and Pepper were appointed a committee to receive proposals for printing the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Brother James Morrison, the representative from Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the residue of the session.

Brother *Lanier* presented the written request of Brother James Morrison, that J. F. D. Lanier be permitted to act as the *proxy* for Blazing Star Lodge; which request was granted.

Brother Norman B. Boothe, the representative from Posey Lodge, No. 9, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

Brother *Sullivan* presented the request of Brother N. B. Boothe, that Jeremiah Sullivan be permitted to act as the *proxy* for Posey Lodge; which request was granted.

Brother James M. Ray, the representative from Center Lodge, No. 23, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

Brother *Tipton* presented the request of Brother J. M. Ray, that John Tipton be permitted to act as the *proxy* for Center Lodge; which request was granted.

Brothers Sullivan and Lanier were added to the committee on Accounts, in place of Brothers Morrison and Boothe.

Brother *Whicher* presented the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

WHEREAS, at the Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge, A. L. 5822, the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge was instructed to transmit to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, a certain resolution then adopted, and request their interference in behalf of Vevay Lodge, No. 7: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to report to this Grand Lodge any communication he may have received on that subject.

The Grand Secretary presented the following letter from Brother Gregg, which was read and ordered to be filed:

COLUMBUS, September 25, 1824.

This communication will be handed you by my worthy Brother, James M. Ray, who represents Centre Lodge, and I very much regret my inability to give my personal attendance at the present Communication; but duty calls my attention elsewhere, or be assured I would not have failed to have attended on this occasion. It was the most anxious wish of my heart to do so for several reasons. But I have no doubt every thing that can be done for the future benefit and prosperity of the Craft, will be maturely considered and wisely acted upon.

Wishing you health and prosperity in life, success and unanimity in the business before you, I remain, with great respect, yours fraternally,

H. GREGG.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. JONATHAN JENNINGS,

Attest:—WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.* *Grand Master.*

FRIDAY, October 8, 1824.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, G. M., presiding.

The resolution offered yesterday by Brother Whicher, jr., relative to a resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge, in 1822, requesting the interference of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, in behalf of Vevay Lodge, No. 7, was taken under consideration, and on motion, adopted.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

That he transmitted a copy of the resolution of this Grand Lodge, of October, 1822, to the Worshipful Grand Lodge of Mississippi, but has never received any answer thereto—that he has since adjusted the business, through Col. Siebenthal, with Woodville Lodge, No. 6, of Mississippi, and is ready to settle the same with Vevay Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to enter a credit of $22 50 to Washington Lodge, No. 13, which was paid to Brother Isaac Howk, late Grand Secretary, in 1819, but has not been entered on the ledger.

On motion, Brothers Whicher, Pepper and Keen were appointed a committee to correspond with the several Grand Lodges in the western section of the United States, on the subject of establishing a hospital at some convenient point on the Mississippi river, and to present a plan for the establishment thereof at our next Annual Communication. And on motion, the M. W. Grand Master was requested to act with said committee.

Brother *Lanier* presented the petition of seven Master Masons, residing in the town of Madison, praying for a Dispensation for a new Lodge in said town, recommended by Union Lodge; which was laid on the table.

Brother *Dewey*, from the committee appointed to establish fees for conferring each of the first three degrees of Masonry, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

That in their opinion the general good of Masonry would be promoted by establishing that uniformity, and that they would therefore request the adoption of the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be instructed to charge the following fees for conferring degrees, to-wit: For the degree of Entered Apprentice, eight dollars; for the degree of Fellow Craft, three dollars; and for that of Master Mason, four dollars. And that each of the said Lodges be directed to amend their By-Laws in conformity with this resolution.

Brother *Douglass*, from the committee appointed to receive proposals for printing, etc., made the following report, which was read, and the proposals of Brother William C. Keen accepted:

The committee appointed to receive proposals for printing the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, would respectfully report that they have received the following proposals, to-wit:

Harvey Gregg puts in the following proposition—he will do the printing for the Grand Lodge for 35 cents per 1,000 ems.

We will do the printing of the present Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, for 32 cents per 1,000 ems, and 32 cents per token for the press work. LODGE & ARION.

William C. Keen proposes to do the printing at 31 cents—the same per token for press work; rule work at the usual prices.

The work to be done in a neat workmanlike manner, and the copies for distribution to be delivered in sixty days from next Monday, into the post office at Vevay; the post master's receipt to be the evidence of said delivery.

WILLIAM C. KEEN.

Brother *Thornton*, one of the Grand Visitors of the third district, made the following report, which was read, and laid on the table:

The undersigned, one of the Grand Visitors appointed, together with Brother Thomas Douglass, of Union Lodge, No. 2, and Christopher Harrison, of Salem Lodge, No. 21, by virtue of a resolution of your Most Worshipful Body at the last Annual Grand Communication in September, 1823, for the third district, beg leave to submit the following report, to-wit:

That in obedience to the requisitions of said resolution, he did, as one of said Visitors, in the month of September last, visit all the Lodges within and composing said district, except Union Lodge, and carefully inspected the workings and records

of said Lodges; and has the pleasure to state that with a few slight unimportant exceptions, embracing a few informalities in some of their minutes and the manner of entering the same, the same have been found to be strictly regular and correct, and in conformity to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge and the ancient usages of Masonry. He also did on yesterday examine the minutes of Union Lodge, and find the same to be regular and well kept. He would, however, here remark, that in making his examinations he has in every instance confined himself to the proceedings of the Lodges since the last Annual Communication. He is of opinion that the above measure has had a salutary effect upon the several Lodges within the district to which he has been assigned; and if the Grand Lodge should not determine to appoint a general Grand Lecturer, for the purpose of inspecting and supervising the workings of the several subordinate Lodges, he respectfully recommends the continuance of the above measure.

H. P. THORNTON, *Grand Visitor.*

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, for one hour.

LODGE OF EMERGENCY.

A Lodge of Past Masters, called by the M. W. Grand Master, was convened for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months.—M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, G. M., presiding.

Brother Abel C. Pepper, the Deputy Grand Master elect, was duly installed into that office.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, G. M., presiding.

The several Officers elect, who were present, were severally and successively installed.

The petition of the seven Master Masons residing in Madison, was then taken under consideration; and on mation, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

Brother *Sullivan*, from the committee to whom was referred the resolution proposing relief to the family of Brother Burge, deceased, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

That the said Robert Burge was in his lifetime an industrious, honest, and upright citizen, highly esteemed as a man, and much respected as a Mason. That by his labor and industry he accumulated a competency for the sustenance of himself and family, and on which, by his own exertions he could have lived, independent of the world. That the said Robert Burge, influenced by the persuasions of a Brother Mason, and yielding to his own charitable feelings, became the security of a Brother Master Mason for a large sum of money, upon the assurance that he should not suffer. Your Committee believe that our deceased Brother would not have become thus bound, had it not been for the pledge given by the principal debtor, and for the redemption of which he pledged every thing held sacred among

Masons. Your committee deem it unnecessary to recite to this Grand Lodge, the numerous efforts made by Brother Burge to release himself and property from the difficulty into which he was led, nor the many intervening circumstances, which go more clearly to exhibit the hardships of his case. Suffice it to say that all his property, the hard earnings of thirty years, have been stripped from his family to pay the debt of a Brother Mason, and his family thrown upon the cold charities of an unfeeling world. Your committee must further remark, that the deceased Brother, anticipating the work of his labors and his hopes, and foreseeing that his property must necessarily be torn from him, yielded himself to grief and despondency, which your committee believe hastened, if it did not occasion his death. His farm was sold under execution for the sum of $400,—his family censured him for the confidence he reposed in a Brother Mason, and he sunk under the pressure.

Your committee believe it is the duty of this Grand Lodge to grant relief to the family of this unfortunate Brother, so far as to restore to them the property, or a part thereof, which has been wrested from them, so that the family may again become respectable, and be no longer dependent on Masonic charity. Your committee will conclude by recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to place in the hands of Brother David Burr, and William Marshal, of Brownstown, two hundred dollars, in four equal annual instalments, for the purpose of purchasing in the name of the widow and heirs of said Robert Burge, a moiety of the above named farm, or to be appropriated to the purchase of any other farm in the neighborhood, as in their opinion may best advance the interest of said family.

Brothers G. L. Murdock, the representative from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Abel C. Pepper, from Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, and S. Whicher, jr., from Vevay Lodge, No. 7, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That J. F. D. Lanier be the *proxy* for Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; that Richard C. Talbott be the *proxy* for Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6; that William C. Keen be the *proxy* for Vevay Lodge, No. 7.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, until two o'clock this afternoon, and then called to labor again.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Pepper, Clark, Murdock and Tipton, to act with him as a committee on the Grand Charity Fund.

On motion the M. W. Grand Master was requested to revise, correct and amend the Rules of Order of this Grand Lodge, and submit the result of his labor to the Grand Lodge at its next session.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter, when proposals are received for printing, or other services to be performed for, or rendered to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, the person or persons making such proposals shall mention every item as specifically as may be consistent with such business, such as printing per thousand ems, press work, folding, stitching, stationery, etc., etc., with the prices annexed to each item.

Brother *Lanier*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in, and the Grand Secretary directed to pay the same, on orders to be signed by the Grand Master,

and attested by the Grand Secretary, out of any moneys in his hands not otherwise appropriated:

That they have examined and allowed the following accounts, to-wit:

George L Murdock	$ 12 00
Abel C. Pepper	10 00
Henry P. Thornton	5 00
James T. Wilson	4 00
Lodge & Arion	2 50
Cyrus Vigus	18 00
William C. Keen, for Postage	9 37½
do. " Stationery	3 37½
do. " Printing Proceedings	60 87½
do. " Printing circulars, and advertising	12 50
do. " Services as Grand Secretary	45 00
do. " Printing Oration	7 50
Rev. James V. Hedenburg, Grand Chaplain	5 00
	$ 195 12½

The following preamble and resolution was presented, and on motion, adopted:

WHEREAS it is highly important for the advancement and benefit of Masonry that all just and efficient means should be taken to replenish our Grand Charity Fund, and to place the same in as flourishing a state as possible, in order to enable the Lodge to extend to suitable objects of charity that pecuniary assistance which appears to have been one of the main objects of our ancient and benevolent institution. And as from the low state of our said Fund, and the increasing calls making upon the same, it is daily becoming more imperiously necessary to effect the object above named. Therefore,

Resolved, That the several subordinate Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby instructed to issue summonses respectively to the several Masons residing within the bounds of their respective jurisdictions, requiring them to attend respectively at some regular meeting of such Lodges, to show cause why they should not be charged the sum of one dollar per annum as Grand Lodge dues, and for the benefit of the said Grand Charity Fund: *Provided, however*, That such Lodges shall have it in their discretion to exonerate any Mason from the payment of such dues on account of age, poverty, or from any other peculiar circumstance; and for a refusal of any one to comply with such requisition, the proper Lodge shall have the power to inflict such punishment on the offending individual as may be consistent with the ancient landmarks of Masonry, as they may deem adequate. *And provided moreover*, That when there shall be two or more Lodges in any one town, that the individual to be charged with dues shall have the right of selection to which Lodge he will pay the same.

On motion, Brother Francis N. Moore, of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, was reinstated to all the privileges of Masonry. [The said Moore had been expelled by Pisgah Lodge, for the non-payment of dues, which were assumed by William H. Lilly, the representative from said Lodge.]

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary during the recess of this Grand Lodge, be authorized to take out of the post office, and pay the postage on all communications directed to him as such, which amount of postage shall be refunded him.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have one hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the present Grand Communication printed, and distributed according to the resolution now in force, and that he have published a list of expulsions and re-instatements, since the last Annual Grand Communication, for four weeks successively, in the *Indiana Register*, a newspaper published in Vevay.

On motion, the vote taken on the report of the select committee, regulating the fees to be charged by subordinate Lodges for each of the three first degrees of Masonry, was reconsidered; and after amending, by striking out "eight" and "four," and inserting *ten* and *three*, the report was rejected.

The following is proposed as an additional Section to the Constitution:

That the different Lodges subordinate to this M. W. Grand Lodge, hereafter pursue the mode of working set out in Webb's Monitor, and heretofore practised by Ancient York Masons.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Rev. J. V. Hedenburg, late Grand Chaplain, is entitled to the thanks of this M. W. Grand Lodge, for his services during the last twelve months.

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS Samuel C. Tate has solicited several members of this Grand Lodge to procure his reinstatement to the privileges of Masonry, from which he has been expelled by Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3:—Therefore,

Resolved, That Blazing Star Lodge be directed to give to said Tate a re-hearing, and to restore him to all the benefits and privileges of the Craft, on proper acknowledgments being made by said Tate.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was adjourned, until to-morrow morning at six o'clock.

JONATHAN JENNINGS,

Attest:—WM. C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.* *Grand Master.*

SATURDAY, October 9, 1824.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at six o'clock, A. M. M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, G. M., presiding.

On motion, Brother Cyrus Vigus, Grand Tyler, was allowed the further sum of two dollars for his attendance on the Grand Lodge this day.

Brother *Tipton*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, concurred in:

That there has been paid into the hands of the Grand Secretary since their last report of the 7th inst., $65 75, which sum added to $442 62½, amounts to $508 36½, now in the Grand Charity Fund, from which deduct $275 53½, the amount of allowance made at the present session, and which must be paid by the Grand Treasurer, there still remains $212 83, to pay for the printing, stationery, etc., and to be applied to charitable purposes.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, until the first Monday in October, 1825.

JONATHAN JENNINGS,

Attest:—WM. C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.* *Grand Master.*

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT SALEM, IND.—OCT. 3, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.

M. W., MARSTON G. CLARK, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Salem, on the first Monday in October, being the third day thereof, A. L. 5825, A. D. 1825.—Present,

M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, Grand Master.
R. W., MARSTON G. CLARK, S. G. W., Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W., ELIHU STOUT, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" WOODBRIDGE PARKER, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM H. LILLY, Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" THOMAS J. EVANS, Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
" IRA WESTOVER, Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
" DAVID CUMMINS, Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
" CYRUS VIGUS, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Past Grand Officer.—THOMAS DOUGLASS, Past Deputy Grand Master.
Past Master.—William C. Keen.
Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Elihu Stout; Union Lodge, No. 2, Thomas Douglass; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, Isaac Howk; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, David Cummins; Posey Lodge, No. 9, Ira Westover; Warren Lodge, No. 15, Edmund I. Kidd; Clinton Lodge, No. 16, Thomas J. Evans; Salem Lodge, No. 21, Woodbridge Parker, Samuel Peck and John M'Mahon; Bloomington Lodge, No. 22, James Whitcombe; Centre Lodge, No. 23, William H. Lilly; Webb Lodge, No. 24, John C. Kibby

The Grand Lodge was opened in ancient form, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatives aforesaid presented the Returns of their several Lodges, and their credentials as representatives; which were referred to the committee whose duty it is to examine the same.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

Brothers WHITCOMBE, STOUT and KIBBY,—a committee to examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the receipts of the Grand Charity Fund.

Brothers DOUGLASS, LILLY and PECK,—a committee to hear and examine into Grievances.

Brothers PARKER and KIDD,—a committee to examine attendant and visiting Brethren.

Brothers HOWK, DOUGLASS and KIDD,—a committee to examine the returns of subordinate Lodges and the credentials of their representatives.

Brothers KEEN, EVANS and WESTOVER,—a committee to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for two hours, and then called to labor again.

Brother *Lilly* presented the following letter, which was read and referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Lilly, Clark and Cummins:

To the M. W. Master, Wardens and Brethren, of Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana.

The undersigned most respectfully represents, that before the next Annual Grand Communication, he will leave the United States for the city of Acapulco, in the republic of Mexico, and that he is desirous of taking along with him a Charter for a Lodge to be called Pacific Lodge, and he most respectfully solicits a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Indiana; he has already been offered a Charter from an adjoining State, but would much rather take it from his own State. As it can not be expected that regular returns can be made to the Grand Lodge, your petitioner prays your Most Worshipful Body to grant him a Charter without cost. As to his general Masonic character, he can produce any testimony your Worshipful Body may require. HARVEY GREGG.

The following papers, relative to a resolution passed at the last Annual Grand Communication, directing all Master Masons to be taxed one dollar, were read, and on motion, referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Evans, Lilly and Howk:

WARREN LODGE ROOM, September 27, 1825.

To the M. W. Master, Wardens and Brethren, of Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana.

The memorial of the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Warren Lodge, No. 15, of Free and Accepted Masons, most respectfully represent:—

That on a close and attentive examination of the proceedings and minutes of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of Indiana, done at the Annual Communication held at Madison, on the first Monday in October, A. L. 5824, that they found in that journal, a preamble and resolution had passed at said meeting, by which the several subordinate Lodges, working under the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge, are instructed to levy a contribution or tax of one dollar each upon all Master Masons, living within the jurisdiction of the respective subordinate Lodges; which said sum of money to be paid over to, and be subject to the disposition of the said Grand Lodge for charitable uses.

Therefore, your memorialists, after giving the said preamble and resolution a strict, attentive, impartial, and sober examination and construction, and after comparing the same with the first true principles and laudable objects of the ancient landmarks of the Order, are unanimously come to the conclusion, (from the late period at which the minutes containing the said resolution arrived,) not to put in force the said resolution against any Free and Accepted Mason residing within

the limits of their jurisdiction, until they could be heard in the Grand Lodge at their next meeting; but do most solemnly, on Masonic principles, protest against the enforcement of the said resolution, because they do most seriously believe, the said resolution to be a stretch of power, and contrary to the true principles and landmarks laid down for the government of all good and worthy Masons.

The only apology which your memorialists have to offer is, that they are sensible from an examination of the said journal, that at the time the said resolution passed, there were but few of the subordinate Lodges then represented by their true representatives; and that the passage of the same was procured by proxies; the said resolution having originated in this way, it induces your memorialists to believe it to be more pernicious, dangerous and destructive to mystic liberty, and forms a correct data, by which you are authorized to suspect and impeach its correctness.

Your memorialists hold it to be a fundamental Masonic privilege to represent their grievances to their representatives, and through them make known their wants, and by them get redress, and have a proper remedy applied.

Your memorialists therefore humbly ask the repeal of the said resolution.

Resolved, That our representative be instructed to present the above memorial to the Grand Lodge at their next session, and that he use his influence to have the said resolution (alluded to in the memorial,) rescinded.

I do certify that the above memorial and resolution is a true copy as passed by the Lodge. AMZI CLARK, Secretary.

To the M. W. Master, Wardens and Brethren, of Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana.

The undersigned Master Masons and members of Clinton Lodge, No. 16, in the town of Princeton, have seen with regret the following resolution passed by your body at its session in October last, to-wit:

"*Resolved*, That the Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge be directed to charge all Master Masons, residing within the jurisdiction of their respective Lodges, with Grand Lodge dues."

As a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, working by the authority of a Charter of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, we feel it our duty at all times cheerfully to comply with any requisition made by the Grand Lodge, (to whom we acknowledge our subordination,) when such requisition is not an infringement on the established usages and customs of the Masonic Institution, in which case we deem it a privilege we enjoy as *free men* and *Freemasons* to protest.

The resolution above alluded to, we consider not only an infringement on the ancient landmarks of the Fraternity, but as an assumption of power on the part of the Grand Lodge, unauthorized either by custom or strict Masonic principle, as having a direct tendency to the destruction of that liberty of thinking, feeling and acting, which is so much the pride and boast of the Masonic Institution, and also as a requisition from which are likely to flow consequences seriously injurious to the cause of the Craft.

As a Lodge, feeling our subordination to the Grand Lodge, we attempted a compliance with the above resolution, and have found such a universal expression of opposition, that a compliance is impossible, and an attempt towards coercion is likely to be attended with consequences extremely prejudicial to the cause of Masonry.

We, therefore, the undersigned, the officers and members of Clinton Lodge, No. 16, beg leave against the said resolution most solemnly to protest; and most

fervently pray that a reconsideration, and if possible, a repeal of the resolution may be had at your present session.

Wishing all happiness and prosperity to the Craft universally, and to the members of your body individually, we remain your friends and Brethren.

Thomas B. Thompson,	Basil Brown,
William Jerauld,	Charles La Serre,
Dutee Jerauld,	John M'Cristy,
Charles Harrington,	Samuel L. Boicourt,
Holly Crawford,	Joseph Chambers,
W. Bittinghum,	E. Russals.
William B. Dimmick,	

Jennings Lodge Room, July 28, 1825.

To the M. W. Master, Wardens and Brethren, of Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana.

At a regular meeting of said Lodge, Brother Achilles Vawter appeared agreeably to citation, to show cause why he should not be charged in the sum of one dollar as Grand Lodge dues, and for the benefit of the Grand Charity Fund, agreeably to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, when Brother Vawter assigned for cause,

1. That he deems the resolution incompatible with the principles of ancient Freemasonry.

2. The effect of the resolution operates uneqally upon Masons who are members of lodges, and who are not; the former being subject to the annual expense of fifty cents only.

3. That he was induced to take a demit from this Lodge for the purpose of avoiding and preventing disturbances in a religious society of which he was a member, and which he conceived entitled him to exemption, from the "*peculiar circumstances*" mentioned in the proviso of said resolution.

When the Lodge proceeded to examine the aforesaid reasons of Brother Vawter, and after consideration upon the same, do deem the said reasons insufficient. Therefore it is considered by said Lodge that Brother Achilles Vawter do pay the sum of one dollar for the purposes aforesaid, agreeably to said resolution; from which judgment Brother Vawter prays an appeal to the Grand Lodge, which is granted by this Lodge.

Vincennes Lodge Room, September 8, 1825.

I, General W. Johnston, Secretary of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, do hereby certify that, pursuant to the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, at its session of 1824, summonses were issued by order of this Lodge, against twenty-four Brothers, Master Masons residing within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, and who were supposed not to be members of any Lodge, seventeen of whom appeared agreeably to citation, upon eight whereof, the sum of one dollar each was assessed, three of which number have paid; four did not appear, although cited; they were also assessed. One was excused as being an actual member of Clinton Lodge, No. 16; four were excused by reason of their poverty; four were also excused as being actual members of Vincennes Chapter, No. 2, and alias summonses are now pending against the other three. All which is respectfully submitted.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at Vincennes, the day and year above stated.

G. W. Johnston, Secretary.

Brother *Howk*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That Elihu Stout is the representative from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; Thomas Douglass, W. M., Union Lodge, No. 2; Isaac Howk, W. M., Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3; David Cummins, Pisgah Lodge, No. 5; Ira Westover, Posey Lodge, No. 9; Edmund I. Kidd, W. M., Warren Lodge, No. 15; Thomas J. Evans, Clinton Lodge, No. 16; Woodbridge Parker, Samuel Peck, and John M'Mahon, Salem Lodge, No. 21; James Whitcomb, W. M., Bloomington Lodge, No. 22; William H. Lilly, Centre Lodge, No. 23; and John C. Kibby, Webb Lodge, No. 24.

That the appointment of representatives from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6; Vevay Lodge, No. 7; and Zif Lodge, No. 8; are not made in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution.

On motion, Brothers Douglass, Keen and Clark were appointed a committee to examine and report what business of the last Annual Grand Communication remained unfinished.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

JONATHAN JENNINGS, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WILLIAM C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, October 5, 1825.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, G. M., presiding.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was read, together with the documents therein mentioned; and on motion, referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Keen, Clark and Davis:

That since the last Annual Grand Communication he has received communications from the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of New Hampshire and Kentucky; from Pennsylvania, respecting a monument to be erected at Mount Vernon, to the memory of Brother George Washington; from the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maine, Tennessee, New Hampshire, Delaware, District of Columbia, New York, Georgia, Virginia, Mississippi, Kentucky, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Alabama, Louisiana, and South Carolina.

Brother *Lilly*, from the committee to whom was referred the letter of Harvey Gregg, made the following report, which was read and laid on the table:

That they have had the same under consideration, and that, though they feel every disposition to promote the interests and good cause of Masonry, yet upon the most mature and deliberate reflection, they do not think it expedient under existing circumstances, to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Brother *Evans*, from the committee on workings of Lodges under Dispensation, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee appointed to examine the workings of Lodges under Dispensation, have had under examination the returns of Solomon Lodge, at Madison; La-

fayette Lodge, Hanover, Shelby county; and Clay Lodge, at Petersburg. The Dispensations have been duly returned by said Lodges,—the workings of Solomon and Clay Lodges are correct,—the working of Lafayette Lodge is correct with the exception of having, on several occasions, appointed Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, to act as the officers of the Lodge.

The members of said Lodges respectively pray for Charters, which prayers we think ought to be granted.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a Charter be issued to *Solomon Lodge*, No. 27, that JOHN M. WATSON, be the Master thereof; *Woodville Browning*, Senior Warden; and *Amariah Foster*, Junior Warden.

Resolved, That a Charter issue to *Lafayette Lodge*, No. 28; that DAVID TRACY, be the Master thereof, *Justus Ferris*, Senior Warden; *Joseph Adams*, Junior Warden.

Resolved, That a Charter issue to *Clay Lodge*, No. 29; that JOHN M'INTIRE, be the Master thereof, *Elijah Hammond*, Senior Warden, and *Paul Tislow*, Junior Warden; and that their representatives now take their seats.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following annual report, which was read and referred to the committee on accounts:

There remained in his hands on the 6th October, 1824, in Kentucky paper, due bills, specie, etc., the sum of		$ 322 80½
There has been received since that period, from the hands of the Grand Secretary, the sum of		374 87½
From Fayette Lodge		5 00
		$ 702 68
Since the above period there has been paid for claims allowed,	$307 13½	
Brother Stephen C. Stevens' Draft	24 00	
Credit by allowance for per cent., as Grand Treasurer	19 00	
		350 13½
Leaving a balance, up to this date, in Ky. paper, due bills, specie, etc.		$ 352 53½

Brother *Evans*, from the committee to whom were referred the papers from several subordinate Lodges relative to a resolution passed at the last Grand Lodge, taxing Masons not members of any lodge, made the following report, which was read and referred to the Grand Committee:

That from the documents now in the possession of your committee, and the intelligence received from the delegates, from the several Lodges now represented, they are convinced that said resolution has been productive of general dissatisfaction among the Masonic family throughout the State. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the last Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge, instructing the Lodges subordinate thereto, to tax Masons residing in their respective bounds with $1 00 Grand Lodge dues be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Brother *Howk*, from the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc., made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That James Ward is the representative from Scott Lodge, No. 12; James Grant, W. M., Washington Lodge, No. 13; Alanson Andrews, W. M., Jennings Lodge, No. 17; Charles W. Ewing and Anthony L. Davis, Wayne Lodge, No. 25.

The Grand Secretary presented the following letter, which was read, and on motion, its further consideration indefinitely postponed:

To the M. W. Master, Wardens and Brethren, of Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana.

Having ever been taught to believe that Masonry, from its incipiency to its ultimatum made it indispensably requisite on the Craft to believe in the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures; and having lately heard an opinion expressed in Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, by our District Lecturer, (James T. Moffatt, Most Excellent High Priest of Vincennes Chapter, No. 2,) and some few others, to the contrary; nay even further, that a person tenacious, might be obligated upon the Koran: I was not only startled, but am considerably mortified, and should I have heretofore been in an error, wish and feel a great anxiety now to be corrected, before time closes my earthly pilgrimage and stewardship. The question, I conceive, may fairly and properly be brought before you—it is a highly important one, and demands your immediate and serious consideration. Having the utmost confidence in your wisdom and purity, have made present appeal, and humbly request an attentive hearing and serious decision.

G. W. JOHNSTON.

Brother *Douglass*, from the select committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was read and laid on the table:

That at the last Annual Grand Communication, the following resolution was presented, read, and ordered to lie over until the present session of this Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That the following amendment be added to the fifth section of the Constitution, to-wit:

4. A committee of two members to inspect the workings of Lodges under Dispensation.
5. A committee of two members upon Unfinished Business.
6. A committee of three members on Foreign Communications.

And that by another resolution at the last Annual Grand Communication, ten dollars were directed to be placed in the hands of Brother Stephen Whicher, to be applied to the relief of the widow of our late Brother Finch; ten dollars in the hands of Brother William H. Lilly, to be applied to the relief of the widow of our late Brother Ashworth; ten dollars in the hands of Brother William Marshal, to be applied to the relief of the family of Brother Absalom Parker, deceased; and twenty dollars in the hands of Brother Abel C. Pepper, to be applied to the relief of the family of our deceased Brother Moses Tapley; and that those Brethren were required by said last named resolution to produce at this session of the Grand Lodge, the receipts of the several persons for whose relief said several sums were appropriated.

And by a reference to the minutes of the last Annual Grand Communication, they find,—That a committee was appointed with instructions to correspond with the several Grand Lodges in the western section of the United States, on the subject of establishing a hospital at some convenient point on the Mississippi, with instructions to present a plan for the establishment thereof at this Grand Communication.

And by reference to the same minutes, that the appeal of Elam S. Freeman was continued until this Annual Grand Communication.

The Grand Secretary presented and filed the receipts of Rachel Tapley, for the moneys placed in the hands of A. C. Pepper for her relief, and the receipt of Philanda Finch, for money placed in the hands of S. Whicher, jr., for her relief.

On motion, the committee, appointed at the last Annual Grand Communication to correspond with the several Grand Lodges in the western section

of the United States, were granted further time, until the next Annual Grand Communication, to make their report.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will proceed to elect the Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months, this afternoon at two o'clock.

The report of the select committee on unfinished business being under consideration: On motion, so much of said report as relates to the amendment of the Constitution, was concurred in.

On motion, so much of the report of the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc., as declares the appointment of delegates to represent Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, and Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, *unconstitutional*, was reconsidered and referred to the Grand Committee.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, until two o'clock this afternoon, and to go into Grand Committee *instanter*.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.—M. W., JONATHAN JENNINGS, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Clark*, Chairman of the Grand Committee, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The Grand Committee have had under consideration so much of the report of the select committee appointed to examine the Returns of subordinate Lodges and the credentials of their representatives, as declares the appointment of delegates to represent Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, and Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, *unconstitutional*, and have passed the same without amendment, and with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge thereto.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months; whereupon, on counting the ballots, the following Brethren were declared duly elected,—(Brother Jennings declined a re-election):

M. W., MARSTON G. CLARK, Grand Master.
R. W., ABEL C. PEPPER, Deputy Grand Master.
W., ELIHU STOUT, Senior Grand Warden.
" WOODBRIDGE PARKER, Junior Grand Warden.
" WILLIAM H. LILLY, Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Secretary.
" JAMES F. D. LANIER, Senior Grand Deacon.
" DAVID CUMMINS, Junior Grand Deacon.
" JOB BAKER, Grand Chaplain.
" JAMES WHITCOMB, Grand Orator.
" THOMAS J. EVANS, Grand Marshal.
" IRA WESTOVER, Grand Sword Bearer.
" JAMES GRANT, Grand Pursuivant.
" CYRUS VIGUS, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Brother Westover, the representative from Posey Lodge, No. 9, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, until seven o'clock this evening; and to go into Grand Committee, *instanter*.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.—R. W., MARSTON G. CLARK, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother *Howk* presented the following letter, which was read and laid on the table:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana.

Being unable to attend at the hour to which the Grand Lodge stands adjourned this evening, I have deputed, and do hereby depute, Brother Thomas Douglass to install the Grand Officers elect, for the ensuing twelve months.

Fraternally Yours,
JONATHAN JENNINGS,
October 4, 1825. G. M. G. L. of Indiana.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was closed, preparatory to installing the Grand Officers elect for the ensuing twelve months.

Thereupon, a Lodge of Past masters was opened in ancient form.—R. W., THOMAS DOUGLASS, P. D. G. M., presiding.

Brother MARSTON G. CLARK was duly installed the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

The Past Masters' Lodge was then closed, and the Grand Lodge opened and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.—M. W., MARSTON G. CLARK, G. M., presiding.

Brothers Stout, Parker, Keen, Cummins and Vigus were severally installed into the offices to which they were respectively elected.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock. MARSTON G. CLARK, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WM. C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, October 6, 1825.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M. M. W., MARSTON G. CLARK, G. M., presiding.

Brothers Keen (the Grand Secretary) and Clark (the Grand Master), were excused from serving on the select committee on communications from neighboring Grand Lodges; and Brothers Sheets and Whitcomb were appointed on said committee.

Brother *Lilly* presented the following resolution, which was read and laid over until the next Annual Grand Communication:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana be amended by making the following addition thereto. "No delegate at any Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana shall hold more than ONE *proxy*."

Brother *Evans* presented the following resolutions, which were read and referred to the Grand Committee:

Resolved, That a Grand Lecturer be appointed for the State of Indiana, whose duty it shall be to visit and lecture each Lodge in the State, for the purpose of giving lectures on the several degrees up to that of a Master Mason, which Lecturer shall be required to spend at least a week in going to, and lecturing each Lodge; and receive for his services the sum of —— hundred dollars.

Resolved further, That each Lodge in the State be taxed with the sum of fifty cents, for each member of said Lodge, for the purpose of defraying the expense incurred by the appointment of said Lecturer; and should the money arising from such taxation, be insufficient to defray the said expense, the residue shall be drawn from the funds of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Douglass*, from the Grand Committee, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The Grand Committee have had under consideration the report of a select committee, to which was referred the papers relative to a resolution passed at the last Annual Grand Communication, directing all Master Masons to be taxed one dollar, and have amended the same by striking out from the word "State" to the word "discretion," and adopted the resolution as amended. They also ask the concurrence of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Marshal* presented the receipt of Margaret Parker, for the moneys placed in his hands at the last Annual Grand Communication for her relief.

The report of the select committee on the petition of Harvey Gregg was then taken under consideration; and on motion, concurred in.

The resolution presented at the last Annual Grand Communication was considered, and unanimously adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the following amendment be added to the fifth section of the Constitution, to-wit:

"4. A committee of two members to inspect the working of Lodges under Dispensation.

5. A committee of two members upon Unfinished Business.

6. A committee of three members on Foreign Communications."

Brother *Cummins* presented a petition for a new Lodge, to be located in the town of Corydon, signed by Thomas Posey, John Mifford, Jordan Vigus, A. Brandon, Thomas D. Wilson, Edward B. Wilson, Wm. Hurst, David Cummins, Israel Butt and John T. Jameson; which was read and referred to a select committee consisting of Brothers Cummins, Douglass and Lilly.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That David Burr and William Marshal, in whose hands two hundred dollars were placed for the benefit of the family of our late Brother Robert Burge, by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Grand Communication, be requested to report, annually, to this Grand Lodge, the disposition made of those funds, and when appropriated, furnish this Grand Lodge with receipts therefor.

Resolved, That the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby requested to admit, free of initiation fees, any minister of the gospel who may be desirous of becoming a Free and Accepted Mason, so soon as may be consistent with the By-Laws and Regulations of said subordinate Lodges, and that the Lodges be exempted from paying Grand Lodge dues for ministers so initiated.

Resolved, That the several Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge be exonerated hereafter, from the payment of dues for the membership of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for two hours, and then called to labor again.

Brother Peter Allen, from Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19, presented the Return of said Lodge and his credentials as representative, and took his seat.

Brother *Marshal* presented the following report:

Your committee have been appointed by a resolution of the Grand Lodge, at the last Annual Grand Communication, to receive from the Grand Treasurer two hundred dollars, in four equal annual instalments, for the purpose of purchasing in the names of the widow and heirs of Robert Burge, deceased, one moiety of the farm formerly owned by the said Robert Burge, and which had been sold to satisfy a security debt of said Robert Burge in his life-time, or some other farm in that vicinity, beg leave to report:—That they have received from the Grand Treasurer the sum of fifty dollars, the first instalment—that they have contracted for the purchase of a farm for the said widow and heirs, in the vicinity of Brownstown, containing eighty acres, for the sum of two hundred dollars—that they have applied the said sum of fifty dollars received as above mentioned, in payment therefor—that they are to pay the sum of fifty dollars in the month of November next, and the balance of the purchase money in two equal payments thereafter.

On motion, Brothers Howk, Kidd and Lilly were appointed a committee to receive proposals for printing the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Cummins*, from the select committee on the petition of Thomas Posey and others of Corydon, made the following report, which was read and rejected, and the further consideration of the petition indefinitely postponed:

That it is the opinion of your committee, after a full investigation of all the circumstances in relation to the case, that the prayer of your petitioners is just, and would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—(Brother Thomas Douglass dissenting;)

Resolved, That the petition of Thomas Posey, Edward B. Wilson and others, Master Masons of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, is reasonable, and that they retain their jewels and number.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge shall adjourn, the next Annual Grand Communication shall be held at the Masonic Hall in Salem, on the first Monday in October, 1826.

Resolved, That the members of Webb Lodge, No. 24, be, and they are hereby authorized to hold their meetings either at the town of Centreville or the town of Richmond, as a majority of the members thereof shall determine; provided that their meetings shall not be held at either of the aforesaid towns for a longer or shorter term than six months, without the consent of at least three-fourths of their members.

Resolved, That the Charter to be issued for Lafayette Lodge, in Shelby county, leave it discretionary with the members of said Lodge, to locate the same in such part of said county as they may deem expedient.

Brother *Whitcomb*, from the select committee on communications from neighboring Grand Lodges, made the following report, which was read, amended by striking out the words "not exceeding the sum of one dollar," and then adopted:

That in the proceedings of the different Grand Lodges and other Foreign Communications which are numerous and extensive, they have not been able to discover any thing worthy of the particular consideration of your committee, more than the usual fraternal interchange of proceedings and salutations, except a communication from the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, recommending the erecting of manuments to the memory of the late distinguished Generals Greene and Pulaski, in the city of Savannah, and divers resolutions from the M. W. Grand Lodges of the States of New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio, making sundry appropriations for paying a just tribute of respect to the memory of our late illustrious Brother, George Washington, P. G. M., by the erection of a monument near his remains at Mount Vernon; and whereas, your committee are informed that the limited funds of this Grand Lodge are already appropriated to other necessary and charitable purposes, and entertain a high sense of the importance of the above laudable objects, they respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, highly appreciate the objects of the M. W. Grand Lodges above mentioned, and will cheerfully co-operate with them in effectuating the same.

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby severally recommended to raise by subscription not exceeding the sum of one dollar from each subscriber, such sums as they may be able to procure for the above purposes, and that they make report thereof to this Grand Lodge at its next Annual Grand Communication.

Brother James Ward, the representative from Scott Lodge, No. 12, asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That it be strongly recommended to the different Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge severally, to be punctual in sending delegates to our future Annual Grand Communications, and that they select for that purpose, a Brother whose avocations will permit him to represent his Lodge during the *whole* session of the Grand Lodge to which he may be appointed.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge deem the practice of delegates appointing subdelegates to act for them, as unconstitutional and inexpedient.

On motion, the Grand Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the resolution respecting the appointment of a Lecturer, and the further consideration of the resolution indefinitely postponed.

Brother William H. Lilly was duly installed the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for three hours, and then called to labor again.

Brother *Howk*, from the committee appointed to receive proposals for printing the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, made the following report,

which was read, and the proposals referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Sheets, Stout and Parker:

That they have received the following proposals; to-wit:

From Brandon & Co.,—Composition, thirty cents per 1000 ems; press work, thirty cents per token; paper, two dollars fifty cents per ream; folding and stitching, five cents per copy; ruled and figured work, if any, at fifty cents per 1000 ems.

From Douglass & Maguire,—Composition, forty cents per 1000 ems; press work, forty-five cents per token; paper furnished at cost. The printing to be completed and ready for delivery within thirty days after the copy for the same shall be furnished.

From E. Whelock,—Composition, thirty cents per 1000 ems, press work, thirty-five cents per token; to-wit, for printing ten quires and a half on both sides, sixty cents.

From William C. Keen,—Composition, thirty-seven and half cents per 1000 ems; press work, thirty-seven and half cents per token; paper, three dollars per ream; folding and stitching, two dollars fifty cents.

From Arion & Berryman,—Composition, thirty-one cents per 1000 ems; press work, thirty-one cents per token.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Palestine Lodge, No. 14, of Lawrence county be, and the same is hereby removed to the town of Bedford, in said county; provided, that previous to the removal thereof, it must meet the approbation of two-thirds of the members of said Lodge.

Brothers Edmund I. Kidd and John C. Kibbey asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at seven o'clock. MARSTON G. CLARK, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WM. C. KEEN, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, October 7, 1825.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at seven o'clock A. M. M. W., MARSTON G. CLARK, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Parker*, from the committee to whom were referred the several proposals for printing, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That the proposal of Brother William C. Keen appears to be something lower than any other that your committee has received, and as a considerable expense for postage and much trouble will be saved by giving the contract for printing to said Brother Keen, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge agree to give to said Brother William C. Keen the printing of the proceedings of this Annual Grand Communication, and such other printing as will be necessarily required for this Grand Lodge during the next vacation, agreeably to the proposition of said Brother Keen, and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay therefor at the prices proposed.

Brother *Douglass*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your Committee beg leave to congratulate this Grand Lodge on account of the peace and harmony that prevails among the members of the several subordinate Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which fact appears from the circumstance that no business has arisen during the Annual Grand Communication which required the interference of this committee.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges who have received contributions to the Grand Charity Fund, from Brethren residing within their jurisdiction not members of their Lodge, in conformity with a resolution of this Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, be instructed to return to such Brothers such contributions.

Brother *Whitcomb*, from the committee on Accounts, to whom were referred the books and papers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and the expenses of the current year, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That they have had the same under consideration, and submit a statement showing the number of Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, at the last Annual Grand Communication, showing the sums then due from each Lodge, etc.

Your committee also submit a statement exhibiting the amount in which the several subordinate Lodges have become indebted to the Grand Lodge since the last Annual Grand Communication, and the payments they have severally made during the same period.

Your committee further submit a statement of the amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, on the 6th of October, 1824, the moneys since received and paid out by him, and the amount yet in the treasury, being $352 53½, in specie, due bills, etc.

It appears that the Grand Secretary has received the sum of $203 50, from the different subordinate Lodges for the current year, and the further sum of $123 25, since last Annual Grand Communication, for arrearages of former years; making an aggregate at present in his hands of $326 75; and there is still due from the subordinate Lodges the sum of $163 00, for the current year.

Your committee further report that they have examined and allowed the following accounts, to-wit:—

William C. Keen, for Postage	$ 11 75
" Stationery	4 00
" Advertising Expulsions	2 50
" " Meeting of Grand Lodge	1 50
" Printing, stitching and folding 150 copies of proceedings	54 56¼
" Services as Grand Secretary, A. L. 5825, including complete record	50 00
" Expenses for removing trunk, etc., from Vevay to Salem and back	5 00
Cyrus Vigus, for services as Grand Tyler, and contingencies furnished by him	12 25
Total	$ 141 56¼

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the balance as reported by the committee of Accounts at the last Annual Grand Communication, in favor of the Grand Lodge, be considered as the basis of adjustment of the funds of said Lodge, between the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Kidd, Evans, Douglass and Cummins to act with him as Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned, until the first Monday in October, A. L. 5826.

MARSTON G. CLARK,
Grand Master.

Attest:—Wm. C. Keen, *G. Sec'y.*

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT SALEM, IND.—OCT. 2, A. D. 1826, A. L. 5826.

M. W., Isaac Howk, *Grand Master.*

At an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Salem, on the first Monday in October, being the second day thereof, A. L. 5826, A. D. 1826.—Present,

M. W., Marston G. Clark, Grand Master.
R. W., Elihu Stout, Senior Grand Warden, and D. G. M., *pro tem.*
W., Woodbridge Parker, Junior Grand Warden.
" Isaac Howk, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" William C. Keen, Grand Secretary.
" J. F. D. Lanier, Senior Grand Deacon.
" John M'Mahan, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
" John Meek, Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
" Cyrus Vigus, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.—John Sheets and Jonathan Jennings, Past Grand Masters.

Past Masters.—Wm. C. Keen, John S. Simonton, Asa Glover and H. P. Thornton.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, E. Stout and John B. Martin; Union Lodge, No. 2, J. F. D. Lanier and John Meek; Blazing Star, No. 3, James Morrison; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, Cyrus Vigus; Vevay Lodge, No. 7, W. C. Keen; Posey Lodge, No. 9, Ira Westover; Brookville Harmony Lodge, No. 11, John Jacobs; Scott Lodge, No. 12, W. W. Whittington; Clinton Lodge, No. 16, Holly Crawford; Salem Lodge, No. 24, Samuel Peck and John M'Mahan; Centre Lodge, No. 23, Harvey Gregg; Hindostan Lodge, No. 26, Julius Johnson; Solomon Lodge, No. 27, Daniel Comstock; Lafayette Lodge, No. 28, Harvey Gregg, *proxy.*

The Grand Lodge was opened in ancient form, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatives aforesaid presented the Returns of their several Lodges, and their credentials as representatives thereof.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees, to-wit:

Brothers GREGG, PARKER and LANIER,—a committeee to examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the receipts of the Grand Charity Fund.

Brothers JOHNSON, VIGUS and STOUT,—a committee to hear and examine into Grievances.

Brothers COMSTOCK, M'MAHAN and MEEK,—a committee to examine attendant and visiting Brethren.

Brothers MARTIN, LANIER and PECK,—a committee to examine the Returns of subordinate Lodges and the credentials of their representatives, including Lodges working under Dispensation.

Brothers WHITTINGTON, COMSTOCK and WESTOVER,—a committee to report the unfinished business of the last Communication.

Brothers MEEK, GREGG and VIGUS,—a committee to examine Foreign Communications.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., MARSTON G. CLARK, G. M., presiding.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had, since the last Communication, collected from Jonathan Woodberry the sum of three dollars, moneys due by him to Temple Lodge at Hardinsburg.

Brother *Keen*, Grand Secretary, presented the following report, which was referred to the committee on Foreign Communications:

That since the last Annual Grand Communication he has received the following communications.

The Ahiman Rezon, containing a view of the history and polity of Freemasons, presented by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Communications from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Ohio, New Jersey, Missouri, Rhode Island, District of Columbia, New Hampshire, Georgia, Maine, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Delaware, Virginia, New York, Kentucky, Vermont, and of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky.

Brother *Keen*, Grand Secretary, presented the proceedings of Philanthropic Lodge, (U. D.), at New Harmony, together with a request that a new Dispensation be granted them, and that the Lodge be held hereafter at Mount Vernon; which, on motion, was referred to the committee on workings of Lodges under Dispensation.

The M. W. Grand Master presented the following communication, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana.

BRETHREN,—Business imperiously calling me from home, induces me to tender this as my resignation as Grand Master, and permit me to say, that I do not wish to be considered as a candidate for that office the ensuing year.

Yours Fraternally,

SALEM, Oct. 2d, 1826. M. G. CLARK.

Brother Shepherd Whitman, representative from Zif Lodge, No. 8, entered, presented the Return of said Lodge, and his credentials as a representative; which were referred to the proper committee.

On Motion of Brother *Lanier*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will proceed on to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months.

The Grand Secretary presented the following communication:

To the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

BRETHREN,—I am extremely sorry, that severe indisposition has prevented my meeting you at the next Annual Grand Communication: rest assured, that no ordinary cause should have prevented my attendance.

If the Brethren should deem it no impropriety, I would be glad to be re-elected to the office I now hold. But I do not wish to make a request for them to do so, unless it would be entirely satisfactory to them. If they should do so, Brother H. Gregg, the bearer of this letter, will attend to the business for me, and bring up the funds. The principal part of the funds are upon loan, in good hands, and ready to be accounted for at a moment's warning. Accept, gentlemen of the Grand Lodge, assurances of respect and high esteem, from Yours Fraternally,

Indianapolis, 27th Sept., 1826. WM. H. LILLY.

Brother *Gregg*, at the request of the Worshipful Master thereof, surrendered the Charter of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, held at Columbus; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Brother *Lanier*, from the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc., submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That Brothers E. Stout and John B. Martin, are the representatives from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; J. F. D. Lanier and John Meek, Union Lodge, No. 2; James Morrison, W. M., Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3; Ira Westover, W. M., Posey Lodge, No. 9; Cyrus Vigus, Pisgah Lodge, No. 5; W. W Whittington, Scott Lodge, No. 12; Holly Crawford, W. M., Clinton Lodge, No. 16; Samuel Peck and John M'Mahan, Salem Lodge, No. 21; H. Gregg, Center Lodge, No. 23; Julius Johnson, Hindostan Lodge, No. 26; Daniel Comstock, W. M., Solomon's Lodge, No. 27; H. Gregg, *proxy* of Lafayette Lodge, No. 28; Shepherd Whitman, Zif Lodge, No. 8.

And the committee further report, that they have examined the returns of said Lodges, and found them correct.

Brothers John Jacobs, from Harmony Lodge, No. 11, and Thomas Commons, from Webb Lodge, No. 24, entered, presented the returns of their respective Lodges, and their credentials as representatives; which were referred to the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc.

Brother *Morrison* moved that Brother R. C. Terril be admitted as the representative from Jennings Lodge, No. 17, on the authority of the subjoined letter; which was read, and, together with the motion, ordered to lie on the table:

VERNON, September 20th, 1826.

DEAR SIR,—At the last communication of Jennings Lodge, we appointed you our representative to the Grand Lodge.

At the time of the election we expected to send by Major Sanford your credentials, etc., since that time, we learn that he will not go to Louisville before the sitting of the Grand Lodge. At the present I know of no means of conveying them to you (as we can not send the money by mail) before that time unless you should have business at Vernon. Our Lodge I expect will be unrepresented.

Yours Fraternally,

To Richardson Terril. ALANSON ANDREWS.

The Grand Secretary presented the following communication:

Evansville, 15th April, 1826.

Brother M. G. Clark,—*Sir:* By a resolution of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, held in this place a short time since, it was determined to tender to the Grand Lodge a surrender of the Charter of said Lodge. Various circumstances combined have induced the Lodge to take this measure; the fluctuating nature of the population of this place, the hardness of the times, and the limited number of its members have induced the members to believe that the continuance of a Lodge in this place will not be promoting the great end and aim of Masonry. It is the wish of the committee appointed to settle the concerns of the Lodge, to know whether the Charter can be surrendered before the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, and whether, notwithstanding this resolution, the Lodge should continue to meet until the surrender is accepted, and in the mean time, what should be done with the jewels, etc., of the Lodge, and must the Charter be given up to the Grand Lodge? Please be so good as to answer this inquiry as soon as convenient.

I am Fraternally, &c.,

WM. OLMSTEAD.

On motion, Brothers Gregg, Morrison and Howk were appointed a committee to inquire into the situation of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, and St. John's Lodge, No. 20, and report to this Grand Lodge what course is necessary to be taken relative to the dues and furniture of said Lodges.

Brother *Lanier*, from the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc., reported verbally,—that Brother John Jacobs is the representative from Harmony Lodge, No. 11, and that Brother Thomas Commons is the representative from Webb Lodge, No. 24; which report was concurred in.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. MARSTON G. CLARK, *G. Master.*

Attest:—William C. Keen, *G. Sec'y.*

Tuesday, October 3, 1826.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., Marston G. Clark, G. M., presiding.

Brothers Andrew Griffith, from Washington Lodge, No. 13; Nathaniel L. Squibb, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, and Job M. Baker, Hiram Lodge, No. 18, entered, presented the Returns of their respective Lodges and their credentials as representatives; which were referred to the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc.

Brother Joseph Warner, Worshipful Master of Charity Lodge, (U. D.), entered, presented the workings of said Lodge, and prayed that a Charter be granted them, if their proceedings should, on examination, warrant it; which were referred to the proper committee.

Brother *Lanier*, from the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc., made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That Brother Andrew C. Griffith, is the representative from Washington Lodge, No. 13; N. L. Squibb, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6; William C. Keen, Vevay Lodge, No. 7; Job M. Baker, W. M., Hiram Lodge, No. 18.

The committee further report that they have examined the Returns of said Lodges, and find them to be correct.

Brother *Martin*, from the committee on workings of Lodges under Dispensation, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have had under examination the Returns of Charity Lodge, held in Washington, Daviess county, and find their proceedings have been correct.

On motion of Brother *Gregg*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Charter issue to Charity Lodge, which shall hereafter be known as *Charity Lodge*, No. 30; and that Brother JOSEPH WARNER be the Worshipful Master thereof, *Nathan Bascomb*, the Senior Warden, and *Cornelius Berkshire*, the Junior Warden; and that Brother Joseph Warner be received as their representative in this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers. Whereupon on counting the ballots, the following Brethren were found duly elected, to-wit:

M. W., ISAAC HOWK, Grand Master.
R. W., ELIHU STOUT, Deputy Grand Master.
W., WOODBRIDGE PARKER, Senior Grand Warden.
" JOHN JACOBS, Junior Grand Warden.
" HARVEY GREGG, Grand Treasurer.
" J. F. D. LANIER, Grand Secretary.
" JOSEPH WARNER, Grand Senior Deacon.
" JOHN M'MAHAN, Grand Junior Deacon.
" JOB M. BAKER, Grand Chaplain.
" HENRY P. THORNTON, Grand Orator.
" WILLIAM C. KEEN, Grand Marshall.
" IRA WESTOVER, Grand Sword Bearer.
" DANIEL COMSTOCK, Grand Pursuivant.
" CYRUS VIGUS, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Brothers Rollin C. Dewey, from Palestine Lodge, No. 14, and Zera T. Percival, Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, entered, presented the Returns of their respective Lodges, and their credentials as representatives; which were referred to the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc.

Brother *Martin*, from the committee on Returns of subordinate Lodges, etc., reported verbally,—that Brother Percival is the representative from Lawrenceburg Lodge, and Brother Dewey is the representative from Palestine Lodge; which report was concurred in.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will proceed to the installation of the Grand Officers elect, this afternoon at half-past one o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, for the space of one hour, and then called to labor again.

On motion of Brother *Jennings*, the Grand Treasurer was directed to pay to the Grand Chaplain the sum of ten dollars, for his service and attendance upon the present Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect. All the Brethren present below the degree of Past Master having retired, a Lodge of Past Masters was opened in ancient form.—M. W., MARSTON G. CLARK, G. M., presiding.

Brother ISAAC HOWK was duly installed M. W. Grand Master, and Brother ELIHU STOUT, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

The Past Masters' Lodge was then duly closed, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.—M. W., ISAAC HOWK. G. M., presiding.

Brothers Marston G. Clark, John Meek and John Sheets asked for and obtained leave of absence, during the balance of the session.

Brothers Parker, Lanier, Gregg, Warner and Vigus were severally installed into the offices to which they were respectively elected.

Brother *Whittington*, from the committee on unfinished business, made the following report, which was read, and on motion of Brother Jennings, referred to the Grand Committee:

That at the last Annual Grand Communication the following resolutions were read and ordered to lie over until the present session of this Grand Lodge, to wit:

A resolution appointing a committee to correspond with the several Grand Lodges in the western section of the United States.

A resolution amending the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, by making the following addition thereto, to-wit,—"No delegate at any Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana shall hold more than one *proxy*."

Your committee also find in the proceedings of the last Grand Lodge the adoption of a resolution on the expediency of the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, raising by subscription money for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of our late Brother George Washington.

Also in the proceedings of 1824, the adoption of a resolution referring the papers connected with the petition of Joseph B. Emerson to Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, with instructions to afford said Emerson a new trial, and directing the Grand Secretary to inform him thereof; and appointing Brother James T. Moffatt to attend to the trial in his behalf.

Brother Holly Crawford, the representative from Clinton Lodge, No. 16, asked for and obtained leave of absence, during the balance of the session.

Brother *Warner* presented the following letters, which were read, and on motion of Brother Jennings, referred to the committee on grievances:

VINCENNES LODGE, No. 1, Sept. 6th, A. L. 5826.

Worshipful Sir and Brother,—I have the honor of communicating to your Lodge the subjoined resolution, to wit:

"Brother G. W. Johnston representing to this Lodge, by request of Brother James Calhoun, M. M. of Washington Lodge, Daviess county, Indiana, that Richard P. Price, of Vincennes, hatter, had made application to said Lodge, to become a Mason and member thereof, and requesting to know the will of this Lodge on the subject; therefore, on motion of Brother Johnston, seconded by Brother Martin, that the said Washington Lodge do act upon the said application; it was decided in the negative. On further motion of the same, seconded by Brother Stout, *Resolved*, That said Washington Lodge do transmit the said R. P. Price's petition and deposit, to the Secretary of this Lodge; as a different course would be an improper interference in the jurisdiction, rights and privileges of this Lodge, (the applicant residing in Vincennes,) and tend to disturb that harmony which should ever exist with sister Lodges." By order,

Fraternally and obediently,

G. W. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

WASHINGTON, September 27th, 1826.

Sir and Brother,—The Lodge over which I preside, at their last regular meeting, made it my duty to answer your letter of the 6th inst., communicating the proceedings of Vincennes Lodge in the case of Mr. Price. In answer to which, I have to say in the first place, that the Lodge at Vincennes have not been correctly informed touching the case. Mr. Price's petition never has been before this Lodge; the subject had been mentioned and this Lodge determined to hear from Vincennes Lodge, before they could receive any petition. The Lodge (Charity Lodge) over which I preside, recognize the principle of the first resolution communicated, but the second calling upon this Lodge to transmit its papers to Vincennes Lodge, they conceive to be a departure from our Masonic regulations. Subordinate Lodges have equal duties and powers, each one has to account to the Grand Lodge, and by the Grand Lodge to be called to account; therefore had any petition or paper been presented and remained in our possession, it surely would not have been sent.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

JOS. WARNER,

W. M. of Charity Lodge, U. D.

Brother *Jennings* presented the following resolution, which was read and adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the next Annual Grand Communication of this M. W. Grand Lodge, be held at Mason's Hall, in the town of Salem.

On motion of Brother *Jennings*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge go in procession to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., and hear a discourse from Brother Grand Chaplain, at the Presbyterian Church.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until nine o'clock to-morrow morning; and to meet in Grand Committee, *instanter*.

ISAAC HOWK, *Grand Master*.

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y*.

WEDNESDAY, October 4, 1826.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., ISAAC HOWK, G. M., presiding.

Brother John Porter entered and presented the workings of Western Star Lodge, (U. D.), wherein they pray that their Dispensation may be continued, if found worthy; which was referred to the committee on workings of Lodges under Dispensation.

Brother *Stout*, D. G. M., presented the following report, which was concurred in, and the proposed amendment of the Constitution rejected:

That the Grand Committee of yesterday to whom was committed the report of the committee on the unfinished business of the last Annual Grand Communication, have had said report under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Grand Lodge that they be discharged from the further consideration of the first proposition in said report.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Grand Lodge, that they reject the second proposition in said report.

On motion of Brother *Jennings*, the further consideration of the report of the committee on Unfinished Business was indefinitely postponed.

Brother James Cunning, from Bloomington Lodge, No. 22, entered, presented the Return of said Lodge, and his credentials as representative; which were referred to the committee on Returns and credentials.

Brother *Comstock* presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Indiana, That an expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason from a Chapter, be considered an expulsion from all the privileges of Masonry.

On motion, Brother Stout was discharged from the committee on Grievances and Brother Percival substituted in his place.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee appointed to inquire into the situation of Olive Branch and St. John's Lodges, made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

As to Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10,—The only information your committee has had before them is the letter of Brother William Olmstead, detailing the reasons why they wish to surrender their Charter. Your committee are of opinion that from the information contained in said letter, it will be useless for said Lodge to continue to work any longer, and offer for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Indiana, That all further workings of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be suspended, with the exception of authorizing them to meet and open, for the purpose of enforcing the collection of their dues and punishing disorderly conduct of members.

Resolved, That upon said Lodge producing the Grand Secretary's receipt for all dues to the Grand Lodge, their papers, jewels and furniture, that the Grand Master is authorized to receive a surrender of the Charter of said Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to give a receipt for said papers, jewels and furniture.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of these resolutions to Olive

Branch Lodge, No. 10, with the amount due the Grand Lodge; and that he be appointed a special agent to open a correspondence with said Lodge, and adjust their concerns with this Grand Lodge; and that he report his proceedings therein, to the next Annual Grand Communication.

As to St. John's Lodge, No. 20,—All the information your committee has been able to obtain, relative to the situation of this Lodge, is the production and presentation of the Charter to the Grand Lodge by Brother Gregg, representative from Center Lodge, No. 23, who received it from William Washburn, Master of said Lodge, and states verbally, that he was informed by the Master of said Lodge and several of the Brethren, that they had not been able to procure a meeting for the last twelve months, and that several of the members have been guilty of the most gross unmasonic conduct toward each other; and that a further continuance of said Lodge as a regular Lodge, would be unproductive of any benefit to the Craft, if the reports as stated be correct; and that there is about the sum of two hundred dollars due said Lodge. For which reason, they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all further workings of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, be suspended, with the exception of meeting to make the necessary regulations to enforce the collection of their dues, and punish the disorderly conduct of members; and that their Charter be returned to them for that purpose.

Resolved, That upon said Lodge producing the Grand Secretary's receipt for all arrearages due the Grand Lodge, the papers, jewels and furniture of said Lodge, to the Grand Master, that he is hereby authorized to receive the surrender of their Charter, should it be offered.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to give a receipt for the arrearages due the Grand Lodge, together with the jewels, papers and furniture.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be appointed the special agent of this Grand Lodge, and that he be directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to said Lodge with the amount of arrearages due the Grand Lodge. That he open a correspondence with said Lodge, and endeavor to close up the concerns of the same; and report his proceedings therein to the next Annual Grand Communication.

On motion of Brother *Jennings*, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, until four o'clock this afternoon. The Brethren of the Grand Lodge and others then formed a Grand procession and proceeded to the Presbyterian Church, where an appropriate sermon was delivered by Brother Job M. Baker, Grand Chaplain.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.—M. W., ISAAC HOWK, G. M., presiding.

Brothers Westover and Griffith asked for and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

On motion, Brothers Martin, Commons and Percival were appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency of appointing a Grand Lecturer for the State of Indiana; and if found expedient, to report some plan by which funds may be raised to defray the expenses thereof.

On motion of Brother *Comstock*, the Grand Secretary was instructed to procure three copies of the Proceedings of each session of this Grand

Lodge, and have them bound in volumes of convenient size, for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Whittington* presented the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the Grand Constitution be amended as follows; "That no subordinate Lodge be hereafter represented in the Grand Lodge, by any but members of its own Body, and that the power of appointing *proxies* is hereby taken away."

Brother *Warner* presented the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the Grand Constitution be so amended, as to require from subordinate Lodges, for each Mason initiated, sixty-two and a half cents, and for each member per annum, thirty-one and a fourth cents; and that the price of a Charter shall be reduced to twenty-four dollars, and six dollars in addition to the Grand Secretary.

On motion, Brothers Stout, Dewey and Comstock were appointed a committee to wait upon the Grand Orator, and request him to deliver an oration to this Grand Lodge, on the third day of the next Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Thornton* presented the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That it is expedient that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended in the words following: The election of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge shall take place on the third day of the session, and at no other time; and immediately after such election, the Grand Lodge shall fix upon its *site* for the ensuing year by ballot.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took up and proceeded to consider the report of the committee relative to Olive Branch and St. John's Lodges; which was read, amended, and then concurred in.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee on foreign communications, made the following report, which was read and concurred in unanimously:

That the proceedings of the different Grand Lodges, and other communications have been received, amounting to thirty-one in number. But your committee have not been able to discover any thing of very great importance, or worthy of the particular consideration of this Grand Lodge, more than the usual interchange of friendly and fraternal feelings. They think proper, however, to notice particularly a volume presented by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to this Grand Lodge, entitled "Ahimon Rezon," a new and improved edition, published in 1825; and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for the present of the volume, entitled "Ahimon Rezon," published under the direction of said Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be direct to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

On motion, Brothers Thornton, Keen and Lanier were appointed a committee to extract from the several journals of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, the various amendments which have been adopted to the Constitu-

tion of this Grand Lodge; and the Grand Secretary was directed to procure two hundred and fifty copies of the same, to be published with the original Constitution, for the use of the same and the several subordinate Lodges, and, so soon as the same may be so published, to transmit two copies to each subordinate Lodge.

On motion, Brothers Jennings, Stout and Parker were appointed a committee to prepare and report a revision of the rules regulating the deliberative proceedings of this Grand Lodge, to the next Grand Communication for their consideration.

Brother *Martin*, from the committee on workings of Lodges under Dispensation, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That having examined the proceedings of Philanthropic Lodge, (U. D.), at New Harmony, and Western Star Lodge, (U. D.), at Clinton, find the same to be correct. The Dispensations have been duly returned by said Lodges; the members of each of said Lodges pray a renewal or continuation of their Dispensations. The members of Philanthropic Lodge ask for leave to remove their Lodge to Mount Vernon; which prayer your committee deem reasonable, and think the same ought to be granted.

Ordered, That brother John Porter be the Worshipful Master, *Michael Patton*, the Senior Warden, and *John Age*, the Junior Warden, of *Western Star Lodge*, (U. D.)

The M. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge the following communication from the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which was read, and on motion, referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Whitman, Morrison and Comstock:

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana,

M. W. Sir and Brother: You will perceive, from the proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at their Annual Grand Communication in August last, (page 15), that I am directed to open a correspondence with you, upon the subject of a difference existing, (or that has existed), between your Zif Lodge, No. 8, and our Abraham Lodge, No. 8, which had grown out of the initiation of Alexander S. Burnett, into our Abraham Lodge, No. 8, which has been taken up to your M. W. Grand Lodge; and that I am directed to give any satisfaction in my power to your M. W. Grand Lodge. No circumstance would be more deeply deplored by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, than that feelings other than those of the most friendly character, should ever exist between her and the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana; and nothing could give me more pleasure, than to be instrumental in preserving the harmony that has, and I trust ever will exist between the two Grand Lodges.

It appears from your proceedings of 1824 (page 25), that the documents in relation to this subject, were referred to a committee, with instructions to draft a respectful memorial to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. In page 36, I find that committee reported a resolution on the subject, which was adopted, together with a communication to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in which it would appear from your minutes, that the petition of Zif Lodge was inclosed and requesting the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to adopt your resolution on their part. Now the fact is, that no communication on the subject has ever been received by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, except in the printed minutes of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, transmitted to our Grand Secretary; consequently the petition of Zif Lodge has never come to hand.

Permit me now to show you what the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has done to avoid a case of the nature complained of by Zif Lodge. You will find in the "Digest of the laws, rules and regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and the Lodges subordinate thereto," (a copy of which has been transmitted to your Grand Secretary), the following rule adopted as early as December, 1818.

"After a candidate has been rejected by one Lodge, he can not knowingly be received by another, without the unanimous consent of the Lodge which rejected him."

Thus it would appear, that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky had previously done all that the Grand Lodge of Indiana would require of her.

I do not know what more I can say in the opening of a correspondence, but I indulge the hope that the explanation here given of the course adopted by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, for the government of her subordinate Lodges, will be perfectly satisfactory to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana.

With sentiments of the highest fraternal consideration and regard, I have the honor to be, M. W. Sir, your obedient servant, T. H. BRADFORD,
G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Ky.

On motion, Brothers Gregg, Stout and Lanier were appointed a committee to receive proposals for printing the proceedings of the present Communication of the Grand Lodge, and directed to report to the Grand Lodge by ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion, Brothers Dewey, Jennings and Thornton were appointed a committee to report an amendment to the Grand Constitution, relative to representatives and *proxies* in the Grand Lodge from subordinate Lodges; and the resolutions heretofore passed on that subject were referred to them.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. ISAAC HOWK, *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, October 5, 1826

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock A. M. M. W., ISAAC HOWK, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Martin*, from the select committee to inquire into the expediency of appointing a Grand Lecturer, made a report, which was recommitted to a committee consisting of Brothers Gregg, Martin, Comstock, Stout and Warner.

On motion of Brother *Comstock*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, on the first day of each session of the Grand Lodge, to report to the same the amount of moneys paid over to the Grand Treasurer; the amount due from each subordinate Lodge, stating distinctly the length of time it has been due. And it shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer, at the same time, to lay before the Grand Lodge the amount of moneys paid out, to whom paid, and for what; the amount of moneys on hand, and loaned out, and to whom loaned, and how secured.

Brother *Gregg* presented to the M. W. Grand Master the bonds with

security, of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, which were approved by the Grand Master.

Brother *Morrison*, from the select committee to whom was referred the letter of the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, made the following report, which was read and unanimously concurred in:

That they have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sentiments of fraternal feeling expressed in the letter of the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, are highly appreciated and reciprocated by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the misunderstanding heretofore existing between our Zif Lodge, No. 8, and their Abraham Lodge, No. 8, be passed over; and that this Grand Lodge will no further agitate the subject matter of said misunderstanding.

Resolved, That our Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, a copy of these resolutions, together with the fraternal salutations of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Stout* presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That no subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less sum than fifteen dollars; and that they shall not ballot for the initiation of a candidate, except at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

Brother *Johnson*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the letters of Brothers G. W. Johnston and Joseph Warner, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion, that the first resolution in said letter is correct, upon which subject Charity Lodge has acted in the most delicate manner; but that the second resolution (calling for papers and deposits), is inconsistent with the principles of our Institution, and an exercise of power belonging to the Grand Lodge alone. Your committee recommend, therefore, the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, be instructed to erase from their minutes the second resolution above referred to.

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, the Grand Lodge adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., ISAAC HOWK, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Jennings*, P. G. M., entered and took his seat.

Brother *Stout*, from the select committee appointed to receive proposals for printing the Proceedings of the present session, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have received proposals from E. Patrick, and from Douglass & Maguire; and recommend the acceptance of the latter,—being the lowest; and the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary employ Messrs. Douglass & Maguire, agreeably to their proposals, to print the Proceedings of the present session of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary procure one hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge to be printed; and that so soon as he receives the printed copies, he forward one copy thereof to each of the Grand Lodges within the United States, and two copies to each of the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, with directions that the same be laid before their respective Lodges at the next regular meeting after the same are received.

On motion of Brother *Comstock*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother W. H. Lilly, late Grand Treasurer, be instructed and required to deliver to Brother H. Gregg, present Grand Treasurer, all the books, papers and money that may be in his hands, belonging to this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Gregg* from the select committee to whom was recommitted the report relative to the expediency of appointing a Grand Lecturer, made the following report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is expedient that this Grand Lodge do appoint a Grand Lecturer for this State.

Resolved, That he receive, as a compensation, the sum of ..... hundred dollars for his services, to be paid by the Grand Lodge, upon his making a detailed report of the Masonic situation of the Lodges separately, as to the correctness of their workings, and length of time he remained, and the number of lectures he delivered, and on what degrees.

Resolved, That, for the purpose of raising funds to pay the Grand Lecturer, each subordinate Lodge is required to tax each member the sum of ..... cents; and that they enter the same on their Returns, and send it on to the Grand Lodge at or previous to each Annual Grand Communication.

Resolved, That provided nevertheless, the fund raised for the purpose of paying the Grand Lecturer, by any subordinate Lodge, shall not be paid over to him, unless he shall have actually attended and rendered the service, but the same shall be returned to the subordinate Lodge from whence it came, and be deducted out of the salary of the Grand Lecturer.

Brother *Morrison* moved to amend the report by adding the following as a proviso, to-wit:

Provided, however, That if any subordinate Lodge shall give notice to such Grand Lecturer, within sixty days from this date, that such Lodge does not require his services, then and in that case such Lodge or its members shall not be chargeable with any part of the sum, so as aforesaid required to be paid him.

The report, with the proposed amendment, was then postponed until the third day of the next Grand Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Stout, Jennings, Parker and Jacobs, to act with him as Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

On motion of Brother *Comstock*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolvd, That Brother W. C. Keen, late Grand Secretary, be directed to deliver to Brother Lanier, all books, papers and money in his hands, belonging to this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have been unable to procure any correct statement as to the late Grand Treasurer's books or papers, as they have been beyond the reach of your committee. They have had to rely entirely on the books and papers of the late Grand Secretary, and a concise statement made out by him showing the financial standing of the Grand Lodge up to the present time, which they make part of their report, and is herewith submitted, and marked "Appendix A." And your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the statement of the late Grand Secretary, Brother W. C. Keen, together with this report, be spread upon the minutes and published with the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, for the information of the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; also the account of the late Grand Secretary,—

Which is herewith submitted and marked "Appendix B," amounting to $154 18¾, which they recommend to be allowed. They further report two receipts of former Grand Secretaries, one for $2 12½, dated 16th September, 1818; the other for $15 00, bearing date 15th January, 1818, handed to your committee by the late Grand Secretary, for which he claims a credit. The committee recommend the allowance of twenty dollars to Cyrus Vigus, Grand Tyler, for his services at the present session of the Grand Lodge. The present Grand Secretary reports the receipt of fifty-one dollars, at the present session of the Grand Lodge, to-wit: From Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, $20 00; Western Star Lodge, (U. D.), $8 00; Bloomington Lodge, No. 22, $12 00; Palestine Lodge, No. 14, $11 00.

Brother *Dewey*, from the select committee to whom were referred the various proposals to amend the subject of representatives, delegates and proxies from Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was read, entered on the minutes, and ordered to lie over until the next Grand Lodge for consideration:

That they have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the following, which they recommend as an amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, to-wit:

"No individual Brother shall be entitled to more than one vote in this Grand Lodge, in any capacity whatever, except the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in such cases as are already provided for by the Constitution."

Brother Stout, from the select committee appointed to confer with the Grand Orator, reported:

That they have performed the duty assigned them, and received for answer, from the Grand Orator,—that, in compliance with the wish of the Grand Lodge, he would, on the third day of the next session thereof, deliver an oration, health permitting.

Brother *Thornton* presented the following resolution as an amendment to the Grand Constitution, which was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and to lie over until the next Grand Lodge for consideration:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge shall hereafter meet on the third Monday in November, in each and every year.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was adjourned, to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of SALEM, on the first Monday in October, A. L. 5827. ISAAC HOWK, *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

APPENDIX A.—*Showing the number of subordinate Lodges, with the number of members of and initiations in each Lodge, and the sum due or received therefrom, up to* 1825, 1826.

LODGES.	Number.	Amount due on settlement 1824.	1825. Members.	1825. Initiations.	1826. Members.	1826. Initiations.	Dispensation.	Charter.	Aggregate.	Amount rec'd.	Amount due.
Vincennes,	1	$37.50	28	6	15	1	$.....	$.....	$64.00	$64.00	$.....
Union,	2	14.00	20	9	22	1	.....	.....	45.00	19.00	26.00
Blazing Star,	3	39.50	27	5	22	1	.....	.....	70.00	57 50	12.50
Lawrenceburg,	4	45.00	23	6	...	...	.....	.....	62.50	62.50	.....
Pisgah,	5	29.50	19	1	15	2	.....	.....	49.50	26.00	23.50
Rising Sun,	6	27.00	42	4	31	14	.....	.....	81.50	65.00	16.50
Vevay,	7	60 50	19	1	...	...	.....	.....	71.00	.....	71.00
Zif,	8	37.50	23	4	20	3	.....	.....	65.50	65.50	.....
Posey,	9	.....	17	1	14	...	.....	.....	16.50	16.50	.....
Olive Branch,	10	.....	15	4	...	...	.....	.....	11.54	6.00	5.54
Harmony,	11	10.25	15	2	11	11	.....	.....	36 25	36.25	.....
Scott,	12	10.50	32	10	22	14	.....	.....	61.50	27.00	34.50
Washington,	13	71.00	11	1	12	...	.....	.....	83.50	67.00	16.50
Palestine,	14	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warren,	15	.....	20	5	...	...	.....	.....	15.00	15.00	.....
Clinton,	16	22.38	25	4	17	5	.....	.....	52.38	46.50	5.88
Jennings,	17	5.50	16	...	...	...	.....	.....	13·50	6.00	7.50
Hiram,	18	.....	14	4	12	3	.....	.....	20.00	20.00	.....
Terre Haute,	19	12.00	18	...	...	...	.....	.....	21.00	.....	21.00
St. Johns,	20	20.00	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	20.00	.....	.....
Salem,	21	15 00	22	5	31	12	.....	.....	58.00	58.00	.....
Bloomington,	22	15.75	18	6	...	...	.....	.....	30.75	5.50	25.25
Center,	23	48.50	25	3	23	4	.....	.....	79.50	49.00	30.50
Webb,	24	.....	16	2	13	7	.....	.....	23.50	23.50	.....
Wayne,	25	.....	24	8	...	...	.....	.....	20.00	20.00	.....
Hindostan,	26	30.00	15	4	13	1	.....	.....	49.00	25.00	24.00
Solomon,	27	.....	14	6	15	3	5.00	36.00	64·50	9.50	55.00
Lafayette,	28	.....	8	6	21	14	8.00	36.00	78 50	40.00	38 50
Clay,	29	.....	12	2	...	...	5.00	30.00	43.00	21.00	22.00
Charity,	30	.....	...	...	11	3	5.00	30.00	43.50	4.50	39.00
Philanthropic, (U. D.)		.....	...	...	13	1	5.00	.....	12.50	12.50	.....
Western Star, (U. D.)		.....	...	...	13	6	5.00	.....	5.00	5.00	.....
		$550.88	...	...	...	...	$33.00	$132.00	$1367.88	$863.25	$504.63

Recapitulation.—Aggregate chargeable to subordinate Lodges, since 1824, $1,367 88
Still due from subordinate Lodges, ...$504 63
Credited by Grand Lodge, to Blazing Star Lodge, $39 00; Lawrenceburg Lodge, $27 12½, and Washington Lodge, $22 50, ...$86 62½
W. H. Lilly received of Lafayette Lodge, ... 5 00
Paid W. H. Lilly, in 1824, $65 00, and in 1825, $300 00,..... 365 00
Due from Grand Secretary,..... 403 87½
———$1,367 88

APPENDIX B.—W. C. Keen, late Gr. Sec'y, paid over to J. F. D. Lanier, present Gr. Sec'y, since the above report was made, $368 00.

To printing 150 copies of Proceedings, of 1825,..... $45 75
Blanks, blank Charters on parchment, services as G. Sec'y, cash for transportation, stationery, postage, and services on settling with Temple Lodge,...108 43¾
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT SALEM, IND.—OCT. 1, A. D. 1827, A. L. 5827.

M. W., ELIHU STOUT, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Salem, on the first Monday in October, being the first day thereof, A. L. 5827, A. D. 1827.—Present,

M. W., ISAAC HOWK, Grand Master.
R. W., ELIHU STOUT, Deputy Grand Master.
W., WOODBRIDGE PARKER, Senior Grand Warden.
" THOMAS J. EVANS, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" HARVEY GREGG, Grand Treasurer.
" J. F. D. LANIER, Grand Secretary.
" CHARLES I. HAND, Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
" ROLLIN C. DEWEY, Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
" HENRY P. THORNTON, Grand Orator.
" DANIEL COMSTOCK, Grand Pursuivant.
" CYRUS VIGUS, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Past Grand Officer.—Marston G. Clark, Past Grand Master.

Past Masters.—Rollin C. Dewey and William Baird.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Richard P. Price; Union Lodge, No. 2, J. F. D. Lanier and D. Comstock; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, Wm. Hurst; Posey Lodge, No. 9, Samuel Gwathmey; Scott Lodge, No. 12, H. P. Thornton; Washington Lodge, No. 13, Wm. Williams; Warren Lodge, No. 15, Nathan Smith; Clinton Lodge, No. 16, Thomas J. Evans; Jennings Lodge, No. 17, Alanson Andrews; Salem Lodge, No. 21, John Depauw; Bloomington Lodge, No. 22, Stephen Montgomery; Center Lodge, No. 23, Charles I. Hand; Webb Lodge, No. 24, Nathan Smith, *proxy;* Hindostan Lodge, No. 26, Julius Johnson; Solomon Lodge, No. 27, Daniel Comstock; Lafayette Lodge, No. 28, Harvey Gregg and A. W. Morris.

Visitors.—R. Terrell, ... Keepers, H. S. Handy, F. Hagin, D. T. Wears, John I. Morrison, C. B. Naylor and Silas Sisson.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ancient form, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatives aforesaid presented the Returns of their several Lodges, and their credentials as representatives; which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following standing committees, to-wit:

On Accounts—To examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the receipts of the Grand Charity Fund.—Brothers GWATHMEY, DEPAUW and SMITH.

On Grievances—To hear and examine into grievances.—Brothers THORNTON, PRICE and WILLIAMS.

On Charters and Dispensations—To examine and inspect the workings of Lodges under Dispensation.—Brothers EVANS and HURST.

On Unfinished Business—To examine and report the unfinished business of the last Annual Grand Communication.—Brothers LANIER and JOHNSON.

On Foreign Correspondence—To examine foreign communications.—Brothers GREGG, MONTGOMERY and MORRIS.

On Returns and Credentials—To examine the Returns of subordinate Lodges and the credentials of representatives.—Brothers EVANS and HAND.

To examine attendant and visiting Brethren.—Brothers COMSTOCK and ANDREWS.

The M. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge the following communication, directed to him; which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Indiana.

We, the undersigned, members of Clinton Lodge, No. 16, beg leave to submit the following:

The Bible is considered the *Great Light* in Masonry, the Mason's spiritual trestle board; and it is adopted as a rule to guide and govern our faith and practice.

In the 18th chapter of Matthew, beginning at the 15th verse, we read as follows: "Moreover, if thy Brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy Brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established; and if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the Church (Lodge); but if he neglect to hear the Church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican." In the 21st verse following, we find Peter interrogating the great law-giver of Christians or Mason, thus: "How often shall my Brother sin against me and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not till seven times, but till seventy times seven." We also refer you to the 6th chapter of Paul to the Corinthians, first epistle, which, though addressed to that people, is no less applicable to the Masonic Fraternity.

Hence, the following questions are, with due deference propounded to your honorable Body:

First.—Compatible with the principles of Freemasonry, can any Mason prosecute his Brother for slander, without attempting first to effect a reconciliation, or preferring a complaint to the committee on Grievances, or to the Lodge of which they are both members?

Secondly.—Does not the Master, when presiding in his Lodge, lose sight of this *Great Light*, and materially and greatly err, by expressing and enforcing an affirmative opinion to the above questions? And,

Thirdly.—Does not this sentiment, or rather opinion, virtually and effectually

reject the duties repeatedly enjoined upon us, in various places in that sacred volume which is the sheet-anchor of Freemasonry?

A candid Masonic answer to these three questions is respectfully requested.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN C. WARRICK,
W. CHITTENDEN,
JOHN M'CHRISTY,
HOLLY CRAWFORD,
THOMAS HOWARD.

Brother *Thornton* presented a petition, signed by all the members of Scott Lodge, No. 12, praying that the name of James Carpenter (who had been expelled said Lodge for unmasonic conduct) may not be published in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, as an expelled member, said Lodge being desirous of restoring him; which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances.

Brother *Thornton* laid before the Grand Lodge a copy of the proceedings of Scott Lodge, No. 12, relative to striking the name of Chester G. Ballard, a Master Mason, from the list of members of said Lodge,—also a copy of a letter from A. Eastwood, Secretary of Cicero Benevolent Lodge, No. 330, New York, to said Scott Lodge, giving them notice that said Ballard had been expelled from the privileges of Masonry by said Lodge; which were read and referred to the committee on Grievances.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., ISAAC HOWK, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Lanier*, Grand Secretary, presented the following report which was read and referred to the committee on Accounts:

Since his election as Grand Secretary, the late Grand Secretary has paid him, including his allowances, the sum of,.....	$368 00
He has received from Lawrenceburg Lodge, $20 00; Blazing Star, $5 00; Bloomington, $12 00; Palestine, $11 00; Center, $30 50; Solomon, $12 00; Olive Branch, $5 00, and Western Star Lodge, (U. D.), $8 00,.....	103 50
	$471 50

The last items were received since the last Grand Communication.

There is also the sum of $11 50 in the hands of Brother James H. Richardson, paid him by Olive Branch Lodge upon my request, which is ready to be paid over at any time.

The Grand Secretary further reports, that he has paid over to the Grand Treasurer the sum of $445 68¾, for which amount he holds his receipt.

As to the amount due from each subordinate Lodge to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary would refer to a full statement of the same in the Proceedings of last year, which will show the amount due from each subordinate Lodge so far as Returns had been made, except that Blazing Star Lodge has paid, as above stated, $5 00, which leaves a balance due last year of $7 50. Olive Branch Lodge has paid up the amount due from them for the two preceding years. Solomon Lodge has also paid $12 00

since last Grand Communication as above stated. Bloomington Lodge paid me $12 00, which is passed to their credit, but they are to be charged with $7 50 for 1826, leaving a balance up to that year of $23 25. Center Lodge also paid me as above stated, the sum of $30 50, which leaves a balance due for 1826, of $5 00.

As to the amount due from each Lodge for 1827, the Grand Secretary can not report on the same until the Returns are made and examined.

There is yet due from the late Grand Secretary, the sum of $35 87½.

The following is an explanation of the above:

Received From W. C. Keen, $368 00; and from subordinate Lodges in full and in part of balances due by said Lodges for 1826, and $5 00 paid by Olive Branch Lodge for 1827,.....$471 50
Per Contra.—By Grand Treasurer's receipts for $433 68¾, and $12 00,... 445 68¾

Due from me as per above account, ...$25 81¼

Brother *Evans*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, reported the following named Brethren as representatives; which report was read and concurred in:

Richard P. Price, from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; J. F. D. Lanier and Daniel Comstock, Union Lodge, No. 2; William Hurst, (J. W.), Pisgah Lodge, No. 5; Samuel Gwathmey, (W. M.), Posey Lodge, No. 9; Henry P. Thornton, Scott Lodge, No. 12; Wm. Williams, (W. M.), Washington Lodge, No. 13; Nathan Smith, Warren Lodge, No. 15; Thomas J. Evans, (W. M.), Clinton Lodge, No. 16; Alanson Andrews, (W. M.), Jennings Lodge, No. 17; John Depauw, Salem Lodge, No. 21; Stephen Montgomery, (S. W.), Bloomington Lodge, No. 22; Charles I. Hand (W. M.), Center Lodge, No. 23; Nathan Smith, (*proxy*), Webb Lodge, No. 24; Julius Johnson, (W. M.), Hindostan Lodge, No. 26; Daniel Comstock, (W. M), Solomon Lodge, No. 27; Harvey Gregg and Austin W. Morris, (*proxies*), Lafayette Lodge, No. 28.

The committee further report, that the Returns made by the foregoing Lodges are correct.

The Grand Secretary reported the receipt, since the last Grand Commutication, of sundry communications from various Grand Bodies which were referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Brother *Gregg*, Grand Treasurer, made the following report, which was read and referred to the committee on Accounts:

Received of Grand Secretary, Oct. 6th, $433 68¾; Oct. 20th, $12 00, ...$445 68¾
Out of which have been paid,—order of Gr. Sec'y to W. C. Keen, Oct. 5th, 1826, $154 18¾; do. to J. M. Baker, Oct. 4th, 1826, $10 00; do. to C. Vigus, Oct. 6th, 1826, $20 00: do. to John Douglass, March 9th, 1827, $34 43¾,.....$218 62½

Leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of,.....$227 06¼
Out of which, the note of H. Hurst, Nov. 20th, 1825, received as payment from Posey Lodge at the last Grand Communication,.....$20 00
Loaned to Union Lodge, as per receipt of Treasurer, Oct. 20, 1826, 12 00
——— $32 00

Leaving in my hands, to be accounted for, in cash, ...$195 06¼

The Grand Treasurer, in pursuance of a resolution directing him to call upon Brother Lilly, late Grand Treasurer, for a settlement of accounts with the Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was read and referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Comstock, Evans and Morris:

The total amount of funds in the hands of the late Grand Treasurer,.....	$370 75
Received from Brother Lilly, late Grand Treasurer,—H. P. Thornton's note, given to R. C. Talbott, April 5th, 1820, for $5 00; Elihu Stout's note, Sept. 15th, 1820, paid and taken up by Brother Hand, for $9 00; moneys paid out by Brother Douglass from Grand Charity Fund, $3 31; Brother Wm. Marshall's receipt, Oct. 5th, 1825, for $50 00; Brother Sheets' note, for $20 00; order of present Grand Secretary on Grand Treasurer, paid by Brother Lilly, for $9 50; cash received, $30 00,.....	126 81
Leaving in the hands of Brother Lilly, ...	$243 94

Brother Lilly claims to have two more notes for $20 00 which he can not find. He exhibits no vouchers or account of the money in his hands, further than is specified in the above report; and the only data I have had to go by, has been a reference to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year 1825. It will there be discovered, that Brother Lilly reports himself to have $352 53½ in hands, in Kentucky money, specie, etc.; from which it was impossible to ascertain what the items were that he had in his hands. In the same year's Proceedings, the committee on Accounts report the same sum as above stated, in the hands of Brother Lilly, and the sum of $326 75 in the hands of the Grand Secretary; and the expenses of the current year amount to the sum of $141 56¼, the principal part of which is due to the then Grand Secretary, Brother W. C. Keen.

Brother Lilly claims a credit for the sum of $141 56¼ out of the $352 53½ reported in his hands. At the last Annual Grand Communication, the late Grand Secretary, Brother W. C. Keen reports, that at the session of the Grand Lodge he paid $300 00 to Brother Lilly, the then Grand Treasurer, which will be found reported by the committee on Accounts in the Proceedings of 1826. But Brother Lilly says he does not owe so much; and the way the Proceedings of 1825 stand, it is impossible, without referring to the original reports, and seeing what credits he is entitled to for loss on Kentucky, and what sum will yet be due from said Brother; for which the appointment of a select committee is advised, for the purpose of inspecting the reports of 1825 and 1826, and making a report in detail, that will be definite and explicit on the subject.

The Grand Secretary reported,—that he had procured to be bound, three copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the years 1823–4–5–6, two copies of 1819 and 1822, and one copy of 1820 and 1821; that he was unable to procure a greater number of copies of the Proceedings of the last mentioned years, making in all eighteen volumes the binding of which amounts to $4 50. That he has also procured a large well bound complete record book for the use of the Grand Lodge, the old one being entirely filled, for which he has agreed to pay the sum of $11 00.

The Grand Secretary, whose duty it was made, by sundry resolutions of the last Grand Communication, to open a correspondence with Olive Branch and St. John's Lodges, on the subject of their suspension, made the following report:

That during the last recess, he opened a correspondence with Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, and received in reply the following letters:

EVANSVILLE, August 16, 1827.

DEAR SIR—I received yours respecting Lodge No. 10, of 14th February last, and should have answered it, but was absent down the river till Spring; on my return

I was called on by Dr. Richardson and paid him up our dues to this year, $11 50, and have his receipt on the back of your letter. Yours, WM. OLMSTED.

We, the subscribers, being appointed a committee by Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, at their last meeting, to write to the Grand Lodge, etc., state that, owing to the death of several Masons and removal of others, we have been slack in our labor; but last week we met and had fifteen Masons present, and it was their wish to keep our Charter and go on to work, if the Grand Lodge will permit; and we think there is a goodly number that will become members that are not at present; we have now nine members, no initiations. Inclosed is five dollars, please credit, and write as soon as consistent, as we shall meet generally on the third Saturday in October, and shall hope your answer. Yours, Fraternally, WM. OLMSTED,
JAY MOREHOUSE.

The Grand Secretary has written several letters, on the above subject, to the Worshipful Master and Brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 20; but, as yet, has received no answer to the same.

Which report, so far as it related to Olive Branch Lodge, was referred to the committee on Grievances; and so far as it related to St. John's Lodge, was laid on the table.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations:

That since the last Annual Grand Communication, a Dispensation has issued to a number of Brethren at Hartford, in the county of Dearborn, to hold a Lodge by the name of Jefferson Lodge.

A Dispensation has also been granted to a number of Brethren at Printers' Retreat, Switzerland county, to hold a Lodge by the name of Benevolent Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Gregg*, the following proposed amendment to the Grand Constitution was taken up, considered, and adopted,—(a vote by Lodges being required on its adoption, the ballot stood—*Ayes*, 18; *Noes*, 2):

"That the election of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge shall take place on the third day of the session, and at no other time; and immediately after such election, the Grand Lodge shall fix upon its site for the ensuing year, by ballot."

On motion, the communication of Brother Warrick and others, of Clinton Lodge, was taken up and referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Hand, Clark and Thornton.

On motion of Brother *Thornton*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the election of officers of the Grand Lodge be at the hour of ten o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. ISAAC HOWK, *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, October 2, 1827.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., ISAAC HOWK, G. M., presiding.

Brother Zera T. Percival, from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, and Nathaniel L. Squibb, *proxy*, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, entered, presented the Returns respectively of said Lodges, and their credentials as representatives; which were referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials.

Brother *Johnson*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

That among the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication, they find a proposed amendment to the Grand Constitution, "That no individual Brother shall be entitled to more than one vote in this Grand Lodge in any capacity whatever, except the cases now already provided for by the Grand Constitution."

The committee also find, in said Proceedings, a number of resolutions, relative to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer and providing for his compensation, which were presented and postponed until the third day of this Grand Communication.

Brother *Evans*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, submitted the following report:

That Brother Zera T. Percival is the representative from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; and N. L. Squibb is the *proxy* for Risimg Sun Lodge, No. 6.

Brother Austin W. Morris has been appointed the *proxy* for Wayne Lodge, No. 25; but the appointment is not strictly Constitutional, yet appears to have been made in good faith. The Returns of said Lodge appear to be correct. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother A. W. Morris be received and acknowledged as the *proxy* for Wayne Lodge, No. 25.

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, so much of the report as related to Brothers Percival and Squibb was concurred in.

On motion of Brother *Thornton*, so much of the report as related to Brother Morris was laid on the table.

Brother *Evans* presented the following as an amendment to the Grand Constitution, which being seconded was entered on the minutes and laid over until the next Grand Communication:

"That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by adding to the 5th Section the following as a seventh committee, to-wit: That a committee of two members be appointed to examine the Returns of subordinate Lodges and the credentials of the representatives thereof."

On motion, Brothers Johnson, Evans, Depauw, Gregg and Stout were appointed a committee to receive proposals for printing the Proceedings of the present Grand Communication.

Brother *Stout* laid before the Grand Lodge a letter from the Secretary of Hiram Lodge, No. 18, praying said Lodge may be allowed the sum of ten dollars in the payment of their dues, for that amount paid by said Lodge to relieve the property of Brother Job M. Baker from being sold under execution, said Baker being down the river, where he had lost a cargo of corn on the passage; which was referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resolved to go into Grand procession on

to-morrow at one o'clock, P. M.; and Brothers Parker, Depauw and Comstock were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this aftermoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., ISAAC HOWK, G, M., presiding.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in, and the resolutions adopted:

That there have been twenty-six different communications received by the Grand Secretary, since the last Annual Grand Communication; the principal part of which are the Proceedings of different Grand Lodges in correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and evidence to us that reciprocal interchange of friendly feeling so general among the Masonic Fraternity.

The only communications they deem worthy of particular notice, are the following, to-wit: One from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Michigan, informing us of their formation, transmitting a copy of their Constitution, requesting our recognition as a Grand Lodge, and a copy of our Constitution in return. Upon which, your committee request the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Indiana hail with satisfaction the formation of a Grand Lodge in Michigan Territory, and recognize them with pleasure; and will, at all times, receive and reciprocate any interchange of friendly and fraternal feeling with said Grand Lodge, that may promote the harmony and be of benefit to the Craft; and that the Grand Secretary be requested to comply with the request of said Grand Lodge.

The second your committee deem worthy of particular notice, is a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, on the 7th day of April, 1827, which is made a part of this report, and the adoption of a similar one by the Grand Lodge of Indiana is recommended by your committee.

The third and last that will be noticed, is a communication from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, in his Britanic Majesty's Dominions; on which your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Indiana view the fraternal feelings reciprocated between the Masonic Fraternity, though living under different governments, calculated to keep up that Brotherly correspondence which the best interest of the Craft of both countries require; and that the benefits of the Masonic Family at large, and the good of mankind generally, will be advanced by such a course.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution, and also a copy of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Brother *Evans*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolution adopted:

That the workings of Jefferson Lodge, (U. D.), are found to be correct in every material point. The committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to Jefferson Lodge, by the name of *Jefferson Lodge*, No. 31, now working under Dispensation in the town of Hartford and county of Dearborn; and that Nathaniel L. Squibb be admitted as their representative, he being the Worshipful Master thereof.

Brother *Gwathmey*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was read and concurred in, and the allowances made:

The committee have ascertained from the books and report of the Grand Secretary, that since the period when he was appointed, up to the first day of the present Grand Communication exclusive, he has received the sum of $471 50, as follows:

From W. C. Keen, late Gr. Sec'y, including his account of $154 18¾,	$368 00
" Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, of said balance,	20 00
" Western Star Lodge, (U. D.)	8 00
" Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, in part,	5 00
" Bloomington Lodge, No. 22, in part,	12 00
" Palestine Lodge, No. 14, in full,	11 00
" Center Lodge, No. 23, in part,	30 50
" Solomon Lodge, No. 27, in part,	12 00
" Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, for 1827,	5 00
	$471 50

That the Grand Secretary has paid to Grand Treasurer, as per Receipt, No. 1, Oct. 6, 1826, for $433 68¾; do. No. 2, Oct. 20, 1826, for $12 00, ... 445 68¾

Which will leave a balance unaccounted for, ... $25 81¼

The committee beg leave further to report, that the Grand Secretary has exhibited his account for moneys paid out by him on account of the Grand Lodge, and for his services as Grand Secretary, up to the present Grand Communication, (which charges the committee deem reasonable, and recommend the Grand Lodge to allow), amounting to $84 12½; and after deducting therefrom the sum of $25 81¼, he will be entitled to a credit with the Grand Treasurer in the settlement of his next account, the sum of $58 31¼.

The sum of $11 50, which is in the hands of Brother James H. Richardson, paid to him by Olive Branch Lodge, is not taken in this account, but when received is to be accounted for by the Grand Secretary in the settlement of his account at the next Grand Communication.

Your committee beg leave further to report, that in reference to the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, there appears to have been received by him, from the time of his appointment up to the commencement of the present Grand Communication, the sum of, ... $445 68¾

Out of which the following disbursements have been made:

To Wm. C. Keen, per order of Grand Secretary,	No. 1,	$154 18¾	
" Job M. Baker, Grand Chaplain, per order,	No. 2,	10 00	
" Cyrus Vigus, Grand Tyler, do.	No. 3,	20 00	
" John Douglass, for printing, do.	No. 4,	34 43¾	
			$218 62½

Leaving in the hands of the Grand Treasurer,—a due bill of Henry Hurst, for $20 00; a receipt of Wm. Smith, Treasurer of Union Lodge on loan, $12 00, and $195 06¼ in specie, subject to order of Grand Lodge, ... $227 06¼

Your committee deem it important to keep separate, as far as practicable, the receipts and disbursement of the funds of the Grand Lodge for the respective years; and will remark, that the settlement now made with the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, has reference only to the receipt and disbursement of money received and paid out previously to the meeting of the present Grand Communication.

Your committee are not apprised of the receipt or disbursement by the Grand Charity committee, of any of the funds of the Grand Lodge, since the last Grand Communication.

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, Robert Jones was allowed the sum of $15 50, for a blank book furnished for the use of the Grand Lodge, and for binding eighteen volumes of the Proceedings of the same.

Brother Jonathan Jennings, P. G. M., entered and took his seat.

On motion of Brother *Evans*, the resolution reported by the committee on Returns and Credentials, relative to the appointment of Brother A. W. Morris as the *proxy* for Wayne Lodge, No. 25, was taken up and adopted.

On motion of Brother *Parker*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Dispensation heretofore granted to Philanthropic Lodge be continued until the next Annual Communication; and that Brother JOHN KINNARD be the Worshipful Master; *Matthew R. Southard*, the Senior Warden, and ..... *Adams*, the Junior Warden.

On motion of Brother *Gregg*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Charter of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, held at the town of Columbus, be arrested; and that the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to call upon the officers and Brethren of said Lodge, for the Charter and their dues to the Grand Lodge, and their books, papers and jewels; and that he keep possession of them until the next regular Communication of the Grand Lodge; and that he then and there make a detailed report of his proceedings herein, showing the sum due, the sum of money received, and the kind and value of the jewels and furniture.

Brother *Thornton*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the communication from Scott Lodge, relative to the case of James Carpenter, presented the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That although they deem the case as one which probably comes within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, they are of opinion it would be better to send it back to Scott Lodge, with directions to open the case for reconsideration, and permit the said James Carpenter to have an opportunity to again present his case before said Lodge, and letting them pass upon it themselves, and either reinstate, suspend or expel him, as they may deem right and proper. The committee also recommend the propriety of omitting to publish the name of said James Carpenter among the list of expulsions at the present Grand Communication.

Brother *Thornton*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the letter of Brothers Olmsted and Morehouse, made the following report, which was read and concurred in, and the resolutions adopted:

That it appearing that said Lodge has fully paid up their dues to the Grand Lodge, and are desirous of retaining their Charter and to resume their workings as a Lodge, your committee would respectfully recommend that the order of this Grand Lodge, suspending them from further operations as a Lodge, be removed; and that they be permitted to resume their work as such. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the order of the Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, suspending Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, from further operations, be annulled and set aside; and that said Lodge be and they are hereby restored to all their former rights as such.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of this report and these resolutions to said Lodge, as soon as practicable.

Brother *Thornton*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the communication from the Secretary of Hiram Lodge, No. 18, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That although your committee are duly impressed with the necessity and propriety of cultivating in a proper degree the benign principles of charity and benevolence, as being among the most exalted of Masonic virtues, and that the Brethren of Hiram Lodge, by extending to Brother Baker and his family the pecuniary aid which they did, by so doing did perform a very laudable and praiseworthy act, and for which they justly merit the commendation of this Grand Lodge,—yet your committee can not perceive the propriety of their now calling on the Grand Lodge to reimburse the amount of the sum advanced by them for Brother Baker's relief, or which is the same thing, to allow them a credit for it on the settlement of their accounts with this Grand Lodge. Your committee are of opinion, that if the claim should be allowed, it would open a door for such repeated drafts to be made upon the Grand Charity Fund, as to place it out of the power of the Grand Lodge to extend that reasonable relief and assistance to objects of more indispensible necessity, They are not perfectly satisfied that Brother Baker's case was one which claimed the charitable interference of the Lodge; but if it were, they are further of opinion that it fell properly within the attention of Hiram Lodge, No. 18.

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, our Rev. Brother, Job M. Baker, was allowed the sum of ten dollars, by way of donation, out of the Grand Charity Fund,—(a vote by lodges being required,—*Ayes*, 18; *Noes*, 6.)

On motion of Brother *Comstock*, the committee on Grievances were instructed to inquire into the expediency of making a donation out of the Grand Charity Fund, to the widows of Andrew Armstrong and James Graves, deceased, late of Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; and to make report what sum (if any) ought to be donated to each of them.

On motion, Brother Percival was added to the committee on Grievances.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at eight o clock. ISAAC HOWK, *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, October 3, 1827.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M. M. W., ISAAC HOWK, G. M., presiding.

Brother Macom McFadden, from Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19, entered, presented the Returns of said Lodge, and his credentials as representative, which were referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials.

Brother *Comstock*, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Treasurer, relative to the Grand Secretary of 1825–6 and the Grand Treasurer of 1825, as to the amount due from W. H. Lilly, late

Grand Treasurer, made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Your committee are unable to report anything definite on that subject, for the want of vouchers or something definite to act upon; and your committee are of opinion that nothing can be reported on that subject, at this time, that would give any light or benefit to the matter of a final settlement in any way. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother W. H. Lilly, late Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, be summoned to appear at the Grand Lodge, on the first day of the next Annual Grand Communication, to make full and complete settlement and payment of all moneys received by him as Grand Treasurer, and not paid over or accounted for, and do and perform all other things required of him by this Grand Lodge in the premises aforesaid.

Brother *Evans*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, reported that Brother Macom McFadden is the representative from Terre Haute Lodge, No. 18, and the Return of said Lodge is correct; which report was concurred in.

Brother *Johnson*, from the committee appointed to receive proposals for printing the Proceedings of the present Communication of the Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolution adopted:

The committee have received two proposals,—one by Brother H. S. Handy, and the other by Mr. John Douglass. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge employ Mr. John Douglass, of Indianapolis, to print the Proceedings of the present Annual Grand Communication; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish said Douglass with a copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Communication.

Brother *Thornton*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the application for charitable relief of the widows of Brothers Armstrong and Graves, made the following report, which was concurred in:

That from the representations made to your committee by Brother Zera T. Percival, the representative from Lawrenceburg Lodge, of the situation and circumstances of the widows of said deceased Brothers, they are of opinion that the case of the applicants is one which properly claims the charitable interposition of this Grand Lodge, and recommend an allowance to each of them of the sum of ten dollars, out of the Grand Charity Fund; which sum shall be placed in the hands of Brother Percival for their benefit.

From certain satisfactory representations also made to your committee, by Brother R. P. Price, relative to the necessitous situation of Mrs. Moffit, widow of our deceased Brother Walter Moffit, late of Vincennes Lodge, they are further of opinion, that the widow of said Brother Moffit be also allowed the sum of ten dollars, to be placed in the hands of Brother E. Stout for her benefit.

On motion of Brother *Evans*, the Grand Lodge went into the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months. The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Percival and Morris to act as tellers.

Whereupon, on counting the ballots, the following Brethren were found duly elected, to-wit:

M. W., Elihu Stout, Grand Master.
R. W., Woodbridge Parker, Deputy Grand Master.
", Thomas J. Evans, Senior Grand Warden.
" Daniel Comstock, Junior Grand Warden.
" Harvey Gregg, Grand Treasurer.
" James F. D. Lanier, Grand Secretary.
" Austin W. Morris, Grand Senior Deacon.
" Zera T. Percival, Grand Junior Deacon.
" Hiram A. Hunter, Grand Chaplain.
" Henry P. Thornton, Grand Orator.
" John Depauw, Grand Marshal.
" William Marshall, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Alanson Andrews, Grand Pursuivant.
" Cyrus Vigus, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded, according to the requisitions of the Grand Constitution to select by ballot a site for the Grand Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. On counting the ballots, there were for Indianapolis, fifteen votes; for Salem, ten votes; and for Madison, one vote. A majority of the whole number of votes having been given for the selection of Indianapolis, as the site for the next Grand Lodge, the same was declared duly selected as such.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until three o'clock this afternoon.

The Brethren of the Grand Lodge and others then formed in Grand procession, and proceeded to the Presbyterian Church, where, after a prayer by the Rev. William Shanks, an appropriate oration was delivered by Brother H. P. Thornton, Grand Orator. And then the procession returned to the Lodge room.

Three o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., Isaac Howk, G. M., presiding.

On motion, Brothers Gwathmey, Parker and Lanier were appointed a committee to wait on the Grand Orator and request of him, on the part of the Grand Lodge, a copy of the oration by him this day delivered, for the purpose of having the same published.

The report of the committee on Unfinished Business relative to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, was taken up, and on motion of Brother *Comstock*, further postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Dispensation heretofore granted to a number of Brethren at Clinton, in Vermillion county, by the name of Western Star Lodge, be continued until the next Annual Grand Communication; and that Brother John Porter be

continued the Worshipful Master thereof, *Michael Patton*, the Senior Warden, and *John Aye*, the Junior Warden.

On motion of Brother *Thornton*, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect.

All the Brethren present below the degree of Past Master having retired, a Lodge of Past Masters was opened in ancient form.—M. W., ISAAC HOWK, G. M., presiding.

Brother ELIHU STOUT was duly installed Most Worshipful Grand Master, and WOODBRIDGE PARKER, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

The Past Masters' Lodge was then duly closed, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.—M. W., ELIHU STOUT, G. M., presiding.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock. ELIHU STOUT, *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, October 4, 1827.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock A. M. M. W., ELIHU STOUT, G. M., presiding.

Brothers Evans, Comstock, Lanier, Gregg, Morrison and Vigus were severally installed into the offices to which they were respectively elected.

Brother *Hand*, from the select committee to whom was referred the communication of John C. Warrick and others, made a report,—viewing as highly unmasonic, the practice of Masons commencing prosecutions against each other, until after the matter in controversy has been brought before the Lodge of which they are members, or within the jurisdiction of which they reside, and every attempt at reconciliation has failed,—(from which Brother Thornton as one of the committee dissented); which report was read, and on motion of Brother Gregg, indefinitely postponed,—(a vote by Lodges being required, the ballot stood—*Ayes*, 19; *Noes*, 3).

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge shall commence and be holden on the Tuesday preceding the first Monday in December, in the year 1828.

Brother Howk, P. G. M., asked for and obtained leave of absence, during the balance of the session.

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary procure one hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the present Grand Lodge to be printed; and that as soon as he receives the printed copies, he forward to each of the Grand Lodges within the United States and the Territories thereof, in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, one

copy of the same; to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Wardens of this Grand Lodge, each one copy of the same; to each subordinate Lodge, three copies of the same, directed to the Secretaries thereof, with directions to lay the same before their respective Lodges at their next regular meeting after their reception.

Brother Andrews asked for leave of absence, during the balance of the session; which was refused.

On motion of Brother *Gregg*, the Grand Lodge proceeded to consider the report of the select committee relative to the amount due from Brother William H. Lilly, late Grand Treasurer. Whereupon,

On motion of Brother *Thornton*, Brothers Howk, Lanier, Marshall and Clark were appointed a committee to settle the accounts of Brother Lilly, and report their proceedings to the next Annual Grand Communication.

On motion of Brother *Hand*, the Grand Lodge took up and proceeded to consider the report of the committee on Unfinished Business, relative to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer. Whereupon,

On motion of Brother *Thornton*, the resolutions relative to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer were indefinitely postponed,—(a vote by Lodges being required, the ballot stood—*Ayes*, 14; *Noes*, 9).

On motion of Brother *Johnson*, the Grand Lodge took up and proceeded to consider the report of the committee on Unfinished Business, relative to the proposed amendment to the Grand Constitution, "That no Brother shall be entitled to more than one vote," etc. Whereupon,

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, the further consideration thereof was indefinitely postponed.

Brothers Andrews and Williams asked for and obtained leave of absence, during the balance of the session.

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, Brother Vigus was allowed the sum of twenty dollars, for his services as Grand Steward and Tyler during the present Grand Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Parker, Tipton, Smith and McFadden, to act with him as Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

Brother *Parker*, from the select committee appointed to wait on the Grand Orator, reported that they had received from Brother Thornton a copy of his oration, to be disposed of as this Grand Lodge may think proper.

On motion of Brother *Gregg*, the Grand Lodge resolved that one hundred copies of the oration be printed by John Douglass,; and the Grand Secretary was instructed to distribute the same among the subordinate Lodges, so soon as the printed copies are received by him.

Brother *Gregg* presented the following resolution, which was adopted,—(a vote by Lodges being required, the ballot stood—*Ayes*, 15; *Noes*, 5):

Resolved, That the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge be requested to instruct their representatives to the next Annual Grand Communication to vote for or against allowing the actual expenses of such Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, who shall attend and perform the duties, that do not have their expenses borne by a subordinate Lodge, or have no pay for services as Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge. And

it is hereby made the duty of the Secretaries of each subordinate Lodge, to lay this resolution before their respective Lodges at the regular meeting next preceding the session of the Grand Lodge, and at the time said Lodges appoint their representatives for the ensuing Grand Lodge.

Brother Price asked for and obtained leave of absence, during the balance of the session.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., ELIHU STOUT, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Thornton*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the communication from Scott Lodge, presented a report recommending that the communication be returned to said Lodge, with instructions to cite said Ballard to appear before them, to show cause why his name should not be stricken from the list of its members; which report was not concurred in by the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Lanier* presented the following to be added as an amendment to the Grand Constitution, which being seconded was entered on the minutes and laid over for consideration, until the next Grand Communication:

"That no Brother shall hereafter be entitled to more than two votes in this Grand Lodge, in any capacity whatever, except in such cases as are already provided for by the Grand Constitution."

On motion of Brother *Comstock*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that Scott Lodge, No. 12, acted correctly, in striking the name of Chester G. Ballard from the records of said Lodge, if they believed, from the evidence laid before them, that said Ballard had been expelled from the privileges of Masonry by Cicero Lodge, No. 330, in the State of New York.

On motion of Brother *Evans*, the sum of five dollars was allowed to Rev. William Shanks, for his services on yesterday.

On motion of Brother *Thornton*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to our Past Grand Master, Isaac Howk, for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over their deliberations.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was adjourned, to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of INDIANAPOLIS, on the Tuesday preceding first Monday in December, A. L. 5828, A. D. 1828

ELIHU STOUT, *G. Master*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—NOV. 25, A. D. 1828, A. L. 5828.

M. W., JOHN TIPTON, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of November, A. L. 5828, A. D. 1828, being the Tuesday preceding the first Monday in December, in the same year.—Present,

M. W., ELIHU STOUT, Grand Master.
W., JOHN W. DAVIS, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" CHARLES I. HAND, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" HARVEY GREGG, Grand Treasurer.
" JAMES F. D. LANIER, Grand Secretary.
" AUSTIN W. MORRIS, Senior Grand Deacon.
" WILLIAM TRAFTON, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
" HIRAM A. HUNTER, Grand Chaplain.
" RICHARDSON TERRILL, Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
" CYRUS VIGUS, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.—John Tipton and Harvey Gregg.

Past Masters.—William New and James B. Hall.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, General W. Johnston; Union Lodge, No. 2, J. F. D. Lanier; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, Jacob W. Kintner; Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, Wm. Trafton; Washington Lodge, No. 13, Wm. Crenshaw; Hiram Lodge, No. 18, John W. Davis; Bloomington Lodge, No. 22, R. Terrill, *proxy;* Center Lodge, No. 23, Benjamin J. Blythe; Charity Lodge, No. 30, Hiram A. Hunter.

Visitors.—J. B. Duret, Bethel Dunning and Jeremiah Learning.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ancient form, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatives aforesaid presented the Returns of their several Lodges, and their credentials as representatives; which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Brothers Gregg, Johnston and Crenshaw were appointed a committee to examine the Returns of subordinate Lodges and the credentials of representatives.

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, the several credentials of representatives were referred to the committee whose duty it is to examine the same.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., ELIHU STOUT. G. M., presiding.

Brother Joseph Hollman, from Wayne Lodge, No. 25, entered, presented the Return of said Lodge, and took his seat.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolution adopted:

The committee find that the following Brethren are entitled to seats as representatives:—G. W. Johnston, (W. M.), Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; Philip Mason, (W. M.), Warren Lodge, No. 15; Benjamin J. Blythe, (W. M.), Center Lodge, No. 23; James F. D. Lanier, Union Lodge, No. 2; Jacob W. Kintner, Pisgah Lodge, No. 5; William Crenshaw, Washington Lodge, No. 13; John W. Davis, Hiram Lodge, No. 18; Richardson Terrill, (*proxy*), Bloomington Lodge, No. 22; Hiram A. Hunter, Charity Lodge, No. 30; and Joseph Hollman, (W. M.), Wayne Lodge, No. 25.

Your committee further report, that the Return and appointment of Olive Branch Lodge No. 10, is not such as is required by the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge; but they, nevertheless, under the circumstances of the case, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother William Trafton be received and permitted to take his seat as the representative from Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, in this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following standing committees, to-wit:

On Accounts—To examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the receipts of the Grand Charity Fund.—Brothers TRAFTON, DAVIS, TIPTON and HOLLMAN.

On Grievances—To hear and examine into grievances.—Brothers JOHNSTON, BLYTHE and MASON.

On Charters and Dispensations—To examine and inspect the workings of Lodges under Dispensation.—Brothers GREGG, KINTNER and BLYTHE.

On Unfinished Business—To examine and report the unfinished business of the last Annual Grand Communication.—Brothers MORRIS, CRENSHAW and MASON.

On Foreign Correspondence—To examine foreign communications.—Brothers JOHNSTON, TIPTON and DAVIS.

On Returns and Credentials—To examine the Returns of subordinate Lodges and the credentials of representatives.—Brothers GREGG, JOHNSTON and CRENSHAW.

To examine attendant and visiting Brethren.—Brothers TERRILL, DAVIS and MORRIS.

Brother *Lanier*, Grand Secretary, presented the following reports, which were read and referred to the committee on Accounts:

First.—The Grand Secretary submits the following statement of moneys received by him from subordinate Lodges, since the first day of the last Annual Grand Communication up to the first day of the present, the last exclusive:

From Warren Lodge, No. 15,	$20 00
" Webb Lodge, No. 24,	15 00
" Vincennes Lodge, No. 1,	7 50
" Washington Lodge, No. 13,	6 50
" Pisgah Lodge, No. 5,	15 50
" Center Lodge, No. 23,	13 00
" Wayne Lodge, No. 25,	42 00
" Posey Lodge, No. 9,	7 50
" Bloomington Lodge, No. 22,	18 00
" Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19,	41 00
" Western Star Lodge, (U. D.),	31 75
" Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4,	5 50
" Jefferson Lodge, No. 31,	45 00
" Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6,	16 50
" Salem Lodge, No. 21,	28 50
" Jennings Lodge, No. 17,	11 50
" Lafayette Lodge, No. 28,	25 00
" St. John's Lodge, No. 20,	20 00
" Clay Lodge, No. 29,	20 18¾
	$389 93¾

Paid over to Grand Treasurer, Oct. 4, 1827,	$246 00	
do. do. Oct. 4, 1827,	20 00	
Amount due me, as per settlement with last Grand Lodge,	59 06¼	
		$325 06¼
Leaving in my hands to be accounted for,		$64 87½

Second.—The Grand Secretary submits a list of balances due from subordinate Lodges. In this list, the Grand Secretary is convinced that there will be found some errors growing out of the manner in which the accounts were kept by the late Grand Secretary. (No Returns from Zif, Harmony or Palestine Lodges, for 1827):

Union Lodge, No. 2, up to 1827 inclusive,	$38 00
Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, up to 1826 inclusive,	7 00
Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, balance for 1827,	20 00
Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, balance for 1827,	6 50
Vevay Lodge, No. 7, up to 1825 (no returns for 1826–7),	71 00
Scott Lodge, No. 12, up to 1827 inclusive,	46 50
Washington Lodge, No. 13, up to 1827 inclusive,	16 50
Clinton Lodge, No. 16, up to 1827 inclusive,	24 37½
Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19, up to 1827 inclusive,	11 00
Bloomington Lodge, No. 22, up to 1827 inclusive,	13 25
Hindostan Lodge, No. 26, up to 1827 inclusive,	31 00
Solomon Lodge, No. 27, up to 1827 inclusive,	50 50
Lafayette Lodge, No. 28, up to 1827 inclusive,	35 00
Clay Lodge, No. 29, up to 1825 (no Returns since),	2 00
Charity Lodge, No. 30, up to 1827 inclusive,	34 00
	$405 62½

Since the last Annual Grand Communication, a Dispensation has been granted to a number of Brethren at Liberty, in Union county, to hold a Lodge under the name of Liberty Lodge. Also, to a number of Brethren at Noblesville, in Hamilton county, to hold a Lodge there, by the name of Hamilton Lodge. Also, to a number of Brethren at Logansport, at the mouth of Eel river, to hold a Lodge there, by the name of Tipton Lodge.

Third.—The Grand Secretary further reports, that since the last Annual Grand Communication, he has received communications from the Grand Lodges of Kentucky, Maine, Louisiana, South Carolina, Alabama, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Virginia, Missouri, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and the Provincial Grand Lodge for the district of Quebec and Three Rivers in Canada.

Brother *Gregg*, Grand Treasurer, laid before the Grand Lodge the following report, which was read and referred to the committee on Accounts:

Received from Grand Secretary, since last An. Gr. Communication,.....			$266 00
(Out of which the following disbursements have been made:)			
Oct. 3d, 1827, By order to Brother Wm Marshall,.....	$50 00		
Oct. 4th, " " " " Cyrus Vigus,.....	20 00		
" " " " " Robert Jones,.....	15 50		
" " " cash " G. M. Stout, (as per rec'pt),..	10 00		
" " " " " Parker, for Rev. Mr. Shank,	5 00		
Dec. 15th, " " order " S. Noel,.....	5 00		
" " " account of Mr. Douglass, for printing,.....	39 00		
" " " cash paid for transportation,.....	1 31¼		
			$145 81¼
Leaving a balance of,.....			$120 18¾
(Out of which the following loans have been made:)			
Oct. 5th, To M. G. Clark, by order of G. M. and D. G. M,.....	$75 00		
Sept. 1st, " Charles I. Hand,.....	8 00		
			$83 00
Leaving a balance in cash of,.....			$37 18¾

The amount of receipts for 1826–7, and the amount on hand at the last Annual Grand Communication—(since which, no change has taken place)—was $227 06½; which, added to the sum of $120 18¾, makes the sum total of $347 25.

Brother *Duret* presented the proceedings of Tipton Lodge, (U. D.), which was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Learning* presented the proceedings of Hamilton Lodge, (U. D.), which were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The M. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge, a petition of the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Liberty Lodge (U. D.), praying a continuation of their Dispensation until the next Annual Grand Communication; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Brother *Hollman* laid before the Grand Lodge an extract from the proceedings of Wayne Lodge, No. 25, containing certain charges and specifications against Jesse Adams, late of said Lodge, together with the decision of said Lodge thereon; which was referred to the committee on Grievances.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. ELIHU STOUT *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, November 26, 1828.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., ELIHU STOUT, G. M., presiding.

Brother Benjamin S. Noble, from Harmony Lodge, No. 11, entered, presented the Return of said Lodge, and took his seat.

Brother *Johnston*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the case of Jesse Adams, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee are of opinion that, as the expulsion of Jesse Adams will appear on the minutes of Wayne Lodge, and be published as usual in the Proceedings of the present Annual Grand Communication, it becomes unnecessary to take any further or particular notice of the trial or report.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolutions adopted:

The committee have examined the workings of Hamilton Lodge, (U. D.), and the copy of By-Laws presented with them; and find the workings regular, with very few unimportant exceptions, and nothing in the By-Laws that contravenes any provision in the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. The petitioners pray for a Charter to constitute them a regular Lodge; and your committee deem their prayer reasonable, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to the petitioners, by the name of *Hamilton Lodge*, No 32; and that JEREMIAH LEARNING be the first Master thereof, *William Conner*, the Senior Warden, and *Nathan D. Shoemaker*, the Junior Warden.

Your committee have also examined the proceedings and By-Laws presented by Tipton Lodge, (U. D.); and find the workings strictly regular, and nothing in the By-Laws contrary to the spirit of the Grand Constitution. The petitioners pray for a Charter, and their prayer is deemed reasonable; and your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to the petitioners, by the name of *Tipton Lodge*, No. 33; and that HIRAM TODD be the first Master thereof, *Chauncey Carter*, the Senior Warden, and *John McGregor*, the Junior Warden.

On motion of Brother *Gregg*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother J. B. Duret be received and acknowledged as the representative from Tipton Lodge, No. 33; and Jeremiah Learning, as the representative from Hamilton Lodge, No. 32.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolution adopted:

That Samuel Peck (W. M.) is the representative from Salem Lodge, No. 21; Wm. Sheets, (W. M.), from Solomon Lodge, No. 27; and Erasmus Powel, (W. M.), from Lafayette Lodge, No. 28.

Your committee further report, that the Return of Harmony Lodge, No. 11, has been handed us by Brother Benjamin S. Noble, who appears, by the attestation and seal of said Lodge, to be their Secretary; but he has received no appointment as a representative, which your committee believe was overlooked by said Lodge; they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother B. S. Noble be received and acknowledged as the representative from Harmony Lodge, No. 11.

Brother *Morris*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

That among the proceedings of the last Annual Grand Communication, the committee find the following proposed amendments to the Grand Constitution:

That the Constitution be amended by adding to the 5th Section, as a seventh committee,—"That a committee of two members be appointed to examine the Returns of subordinate Lodges and the credentials of the representatives thereof."

That the following be added, as an amendment to the Grand Constitution: "That no Brother shall hereafter be entitled to more than two votes in this Grand Lodge in any capacity whatever, except such cases as are already provided for in the Grand Constitution."

Your committee also find among said proceedings, a resolution, which was presented and adopted,—requesting subordinate Lodges to instruct their representatives to vote for or against allowing the actual expenses of such Grand Officers as have not their expenses borne by a subordinate Lodge or have no pay for services as officers of the Grand Lodge, etc.

Brother *Tipton* presented the following resolutions, which were read and on motion, referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Tipton, Johnston and Sheets:

Resolved, That, for the purpose of producing a uniform mode of working in the different subordinate Lodges within this State, the State be divided into three districts; and that the Grand Lodge proceed to elect, by ballot, one District Master for each district, whose duty it shall be to meet and confer together, and then to visit and lecture the several Lodges in their respective districts, on the first three degrees of Masonry, and on the mode of working in the Lodges.

Resolved, That the sum of ..... dollars be appropriated out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, to compensate said District Masters, to be paid out of any funds not otherwise appropriated.

Brother *Tipton* presented the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the situation of Masonry, at this time, imperiously demands the most earnest exertion of every friend of the Craft; and that to further the end and designs of the Institution, it is expedient and proper that a meeting of one or more representatives or delegates from each Grand Lodge throughout North America, should take place at Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, or some other suitable place, on the ..... day of ....., in the year ....., to confer together and adopt such measures as the exigencies of the case at that time demand. That the Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to each of the Grand Lodges in North America, and request of them an expression of opinion on the subjects herein contained.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resolved to go into Grand procession tomorrow at twelve o'clock; and Brothers Terrill, Hand and Morris were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., ELIHU STOUT, G. M., presiding.

On motion, Brothers Tipton, Lanier and Mason were appointed a committee to ascertain and report the number of Lodges subordinate to this

Grand Lodge, which are not now represented here; and to report the number, if any, that have forfeited their rights to continue to work as regular Lodges.

Brother William Beard, of Salem Lodge, No. 21, entered and took his seat as a Past Master.

Brother *Gregg*, Grand Treasurer, submitted the following report, relative to the accounts of the late Grand Treasurer, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

In pursuance of a resolution passed at the October session of 1826, I called on Brother Wm. H. Lilly, with the account furnished by the Grand Secretary as being due from him to this Grand Lodge, amounting to $370 75. Out of which, the amount of one hundred and twenty-six dollars was accounted for as follows:

H. P. Thornton's note, for	$5 00
Elihu Stout's note, paid and taken up by Brother C. I. Hand, for	9 00
By Brother John Sheets' note,	20 00
By account of moneys paid out by Brother T. Douglass, as one of the committee of the Grand Charity Fund,	3 31¼
By Brother William Marshall's receipt, Oct. 6th, by order of the present Grand Secretary, taken up by Brother Lilly,	9 50
By Cash,	30 00
	$126 81¼

The committee did not return the receipts of Brothers Douglass and Marshall, but returned the notes. The committee on Accounts made no report on that part of the Grand Treasurer's report, relating to the accounts of Brother Lilly; and a committee was appointed for that purpose, whose report not being concurred in, a committee was appointed to settle the accounts of Brother Lilly and report their proceedings to the present session of the Grand Lodge. The last named committee made many ineffectual attempts, during the months of December and January, 1826, to effect the object for which they were appointed; but, from the ill health of Brother Lilly, never could attain it; and on the 17th of February, 1828, Brother Lilly departed this life.

Since the death of Brother Lilly, I obtained liberty to examine his papers; and found two notes of hand, given him by Brother Jennings, for ten dollars each. One dated Oct. 9th, 1824, and the other bearing date Oct. 6th 1825, as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge. Adding to this ($20 00) the sum of $126 81¼, makes a total sum of $146 81¼; which sum deducted from $370 75, (the amount which Brother Lilly was in arrears to the Grand Lodge,) leaves a balance of $223 93¾, wholly unaccounted for by the late Brother Lilly as Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge.

This is all the information which I have been able to obtain and find out, relative to the accounts of the late Grand Treasurer, Brother William H. Lilly.

Brother *Davis*, presented a resolution, granting ..... dollars to such Grand Officers as receive no compensation for their services or expenses from subordinate Lodges; which Brother *Johnston* moved to amend by substituting, in lieu thereof,—that no compensation other than that allowed by the Constitution be allowed to any of the officers of the Grand Lodge, out of the funds of the same. The resolution and amendment were indefinitely postponed.—(*Ayes*,12; *Noes*, 9.)

On motion of Brother *Mason*, the Grand Lodge took up and proceeded to consider the petition of the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Liberty Lodge, (U. D.), praying a continuation of their Dispensation. Whereupon, on motion of Brother *Gregg*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Dispensation heretofore granted to a number of Brethren at Liberty, in Union county, to hold a Lodge by the name of *Liberty Lodge*, be continued until the next Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge; and that Brother LEMUEL JOHNSTON be continued as the Worshipful Master thereof, *Sylvanus Everts*, the Senior Warden, and *Joseph A. Ball*, the Junior Warden.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. ELIHU STOUT, *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, November 27, 1828.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock A. M.—M. W., ELIHU STOUT, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, reported,—that Brother Zera T. Percival is the representative from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, and Brother John Finley, from Webb Lodge, No. 24; which report was concurred in.

Brother *Trafton*, from the committee on Accounts, submitted the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolution adopted:

Upon examination of the books and papers of the Grand Secretary, we find the following to be the condition of his accounts:

Since the last Annual Grand Communication, he has received, up to the first day of the present session (the last exclusive),		$389 93¾
From which sum deduct (paid Grand Treasurer),	$266 00	
Also, an amount due Grand Secretary,	58 31¼	
Also, the amount of his account, for services the past year,	85 98½	
Making an aggregate amount paid by Grand Secretary,		$410 29¾
Leaving a balance due Grand Secretary,		$20 36

Your committee have examined the vouchers of the present Grand Treasurer, and find that he has received from the Grand Secretary, within the last year, the sum of $266 00; out of which he has paid, by orders drawn by the committee of the Grand Charity Fund, and incidental expenses of the Grand Lodge (as appears per vouchers submitted), $145 81¼; leaving a balance due from him, of $120 18¾. A part of which sum is on a loan, agreeably to a resolution of this Grand Lodge, passed at a previous session.

Your committee also find, from vouchers submitted to them, that, up to the first day of the last Annual Grand Communication, the amount of moneys in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, to be $227 06¼; which sum, when added to the $120 18¾, makes the aggregate amount of $347 25, available funds now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

Your committee beg leave further to report, that, in order to more effectually command the present funds of this Grand Lodge, and have them ready for any exigency, it is advisable that the Grand Treasurer be required to call on all persons holding

Lodge funds on loan or otherwise, to pay the same before the convening of this Grand Lodge at their next session.

In examining the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, your committee find them in such a condition as to deserve the decided approbation of this Grand Lodge; and your committee wish further to observe, that they believe the account of the Grand Secretary, for services rendered for the last year, reasonable and ought to be allowed; therefore,

Resolved, That the account of the Grand Secretary be allowed; and that he be granted an order on the Grand Treasurer, for balance due him, as appears by this report, of $20 36.

Brother R. H Wedding, from Western Star Lodge, (U. D.), entered and presented the working of said Lodge; which was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolution adopted:

The committee have had under their consideration, the working of Western Star Lodge, (U. D.), and find the same regular; and nothing in the By-Laws contrary to the spirit of the Grand Constitution. The petitioners pray for a Charter; which petition your committee deem reasonable, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to said petitioners, by the name of *Western Star Lodge*, No. 34; and that Brother MICHAEL PATTON be the first Master thereof, *R. H. Wedding*, the Senior Warden, and *James Harper, sen.*, the Junior Warden.

Brother Wedding then took his seat, as the representative from Western Star Lodge, No. 34.

Brother *Johnston*, from the select committee, to whom were referred the resolutions relative to the appointment of District Masters, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolutions adopted:

The committee have agreed to present the following resolutions, as a substitue to those proposed by Brother Tipton, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Lodges subject to the control of this Grand Lodge, shall be divided into three districts, in the following manner:

The first district shall be composed of the following Lodges: Philanthropic, Clinton, Olive Branch, Clay, Charity, Hindostan, Vincennes, Hiram, Terre Haute, Tipton, and Western Star.

The second district, of the following Lodges: Pisgah, Zif, Posey, Blazing Star, Union, Solomon, Scott, Washington, Salem, Center, Bloomington, Palestine, Jennings, Hamilton, and Lafayette.

And the third district, of the following Lodges: Vevay, Rising Sun, Lawrenceburg, Harmony, Liberty, Warren, Webb, Wayne and Jefferson.

That to each district there shall be elected, by the Grand Lodge at the present session, one District Master, who shall hold his appointment until the next Annual Grand Communication. Which said District Masters shall meet at some convenient place and time (after their appointment) and confer together, as to the manner of working; and then visit the several Lodges in their respective districts, and instruct said Lodges, so as a uniformity of working may be produced throughout the State. It shall be their duty to report, to the next Annual Grand Communication, the situation of their several Lodges, and their prospects of future prosperity in Masonry. As an evidence of their election and powers, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, immediately after the election, to make out a copy of these resolutions, together with a certificate of the election of said District Masters, attested by the seal of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, further, That the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per diem be allowed the said District Masters, respectively, for their services during the time they may be actually engaged in the above business, which shall be paid them upon their own certificate, countersigned by the Grand Master, by the Grand Treasurer, out of any funds in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge. And it is hereby recommended to the several subordinate Lodges which may not be in arrears to the Grand Lodge, and enjoined upon those that are in arrears, to pay the expenses of the District Master, in going to, attending upon, and returning from their respective Lodges; and whenever this request or injunction is complied with, the amount so paid shall be deducted out of the above per diem allowance, and placed to the credit of such Lodge upon the books of the Grand Secretary. And,

Resolved, further, That should a new Lodge or Lodges be created by Dispensation from the Grand Master, then, and in that case, the Grand Master shall say to which of said districts the same shall be attached, and notice thereof shall be given by the Grand Master to the District Master to whose district said new Lodge or Lodges may be attached: and it shall be the duty of said District Master to visit and lecture the same in the same manner as the other Lodges in his district.

Brother *Johnston* presented the following resolutions, which were read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that no officer of a subordinate Lodge can Masonically resign or secede, during the period for which he may have been installed.

Resolved, Also, that no one can Constitutionally officiate as Master or Warden of a Lodge, until he has been duly installed.

Brother *Hunter* presented the following, as an amendment to the Constitution, which being seconded, was entered on the minutes and ordered to lie over until the next Annual Grand Communication:

Resolved, That the word "fifty," in the 20th Section of the Grand Constitution, be stricken out, and the words *thirty-seven and one-half* be inserted in lieu thereof.

On motion, Brothers Gregg, Tipton and Duret were appointed a committee to receive proposals for printing the Proceedings of the present Annual Grand Communication.

On motion of Brother *Johnston*, the Grand Lodge went into the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months. The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Johnston and Hollman to act as tellers.

On counting the ballots, the following Brethren were found duly elected:

M. W., John Tipton (of Logansport), Grand Master.
R. W., General W. Johnston (of Vincennes), Deputy Grand Master.
W., John W. Davis (of Carlisle), Senior Grand Warden.
" Charles I. Hand (of Indianapolis), Junior Grand Warden.
" Harvey Gregg (of Indianapolis), Grand Treasurer.
" James F. D. Lanier (of Madison), Grand Secretary.
" Austin W. Morris (of Indianapolis), Grand Senior Deacon.
" J. B. Duret (of Logansport), Grand Junior Deacon.
" Hiram A. Hunter (of Washington), Grand Chaplain.
" Bethuel F. Morris (of Indianapolis), Grand Orator.
" Samuel Peck (of Salem), Grand Marshal.
" William Marshall (of Brownstown), Grand Sword Bearer.
" Zera T. Percival (of Lawrenceburg), Grand Pursuivant.
" Cyrus Vigus (of Corydon), Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded, according to the requisitions of the Grand Constitution, to select by ballot a site for the Grand Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. On counting the ballots, it appeared there was a unanimous vote for the town of Indianapolis; which was accordingly declared duly selected as the place for holding the next Grand Communication.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until three o'clock this afternoon.

The Brethren of the Grand Lodge, and numerous visiting Brethren, then formed in Grand procession, and proceeded in due order and harmony to the Methodist Episcopal Church, where an appropriate address was delivered by Brother Hiram A. Hunter, Grand Chaplain.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., ELIHU STOUT, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, reported, that Brother James Morrison is the representative from Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3; which report being concurred in, Brother Morrison entered and took his seat.

On motion of Brother *Davis*, the Grand lodge took up and proceeded to consider the report of the committee on Unfinished Business, relative to the proposed amendment to the Grand Constitution. Whereupon, on motion of Brother *Lanier*, the first proposition was indefinitely postponed. The second proposition—"That no Brother shall hereafter be entitled to more than two votes in this Grand Lodge in any capacity whatever, except such cases as are already provided for by the Grand Constitution,"—was then adopted.—*Ayes*, 21; *Noes*, 2.

On motion of Brother *Morrison*, the Grand Lodge resolved to proceed, on to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, to the election of the District Masters, pursuant to resolutions this day adopted.

Brother Jeremiah Learning asked for and obtained leave of absence, during the balance of the session.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. ELIHU STOUT, *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

FRIDAY, November 28, 1828.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock A. M.—M. W., ELIHU STOUT, G. M., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Johnston*, the Grand Lodge postponed the election of District Masters for the present.

On motion, Brothers Johnston, Duret and Powell were appointed a committee, to present the thanks of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Chaplain, for his ingenious and appropriate discourse so eloquently delivered at the Methodist Episcopal Church, on yesterday the 27th inst., and to request a copy of the same for the press; also, to tender the thanks of this Grand Lodge to the Rev. James Armstrong for the use of the Church.

On motion of Brother *Terrill*, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen dollars be donated to brother Hiram A. Hunter, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Brother *Johnston*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother Morris, Grand Orator, be, and he is hereby requested to deliver an oration upon the Order of Freemasonry, and in public, on the third day of the next Annual Grand Communication; and that Brother Hunter, Grand Chaplain, be, and he is hereby requested to preach a sermon, to a public audience, on the same day.

Brother *Davis* presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, shall charge the sum of twenty dollars for the first three degrees of Masonry; the whole of which sum shall be deposited with the Secretary at the time of filing the petition of application.

Brother *Morris* proposed to amend, by striking out from the word "*Resolved*," and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"That it be, and it is hereby enjoined upon all subordinate Lodges to require in advance from candidates for initiation, the regular fees for entering, passing and raising, which shall be deposited with the Secretary at the time of filing the petition. If the applicant be rejected, or withdraw his petition, or the Lodge refuse to advance him to a subsequent degree, the amount so deposited, or a ratable proportion thereof, shall be returned to the petitioner, as the nature of the case may require: *Provided, however*, That nothing herein contained, shall prevent Lodges from conferring degrees gratuitously in proper cases."

On motion, the resolution and proposed amendment were referred to a committee, consisting of Brothers Hollman, Trafton and Davis.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect. Whereupon, after all the Brethren present below the degree of Past Master had retired, a Lodge of Past Masters was opened in ancient form.—M. W., Isaac Howk, P. G. M., presiding.

Brother John Tipton was then duly installed the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and General W. Johnston, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, for the ensuing twelve months. The Past Masters' Lodge was then duly closed, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.—M. W., John Tipton, G. M., presiding.

The other Grand Officers elect were then duly installed, by the M. W. Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JOHN TIPTON, G. M., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a new Charter be issued to *Lafayette Lodge*, No. 28, in Shelby county, upon their surrendering their old one; and that ERASMUS POWELL be the Worshipful Master thereof, *Josiah Reed*, the Senior Warden, and *Nathan Johnston*, the Junior Warden.

On motion of Brother *Mason*, the Grand Lodge took up the resolutions, presented yesterday by Brother Johnston, relative to the resignation, etc., of officers in subordinate Lodges; and the Master and Wardens officiating in a Lodge before being duly installed.

Whereupon, on motion of Brother *Gregg*, the further consideration of the resolutions was indefinitely postponed.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee appointed to receive proposals for printing the Proceedings of this Grand Communication, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolution adopted:

That the only proposals made them, is by Brother Elihu Stout, and are,—for composition, fifty cents per thousand ems; press work, fifty cents per token; paper, three dollars and fifty cents per ream. The work to be done in one month after the receipt of the copy.

Your committee recommend the employment of Brother Elihu Stout, with an alteration as respects the paper on which the printing is to be done, which should be of the best quality. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother Elihu Stout be employed to print the Proceedings of the present Grand Communication; and that he be allowed fifty cents per thousand ems, fifty cents per token for press work, and four dollars per ream for furnishing the best quality of printing paper to do the work on.

Brother *Johnston* laid before the Grand Lodge an appeal, by Brother John B. Martin, a Master Mason of Vincennes Lodge, from the decision of said Lodge on a certain point relative to himself; which was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Johnston, Stout and Howk.

On motion of Brother *Finley*, the Grand Lodge went into the election of three District Masters, in pursuance of the resolutions adopted on yesterday; when, on counting the ballots, it appeared that Brother Hiram A. Hunter was duly elected for the first district; William Sheets, for the second district, and Benjamin S. Noble, for the third district.

Brother *Johnston*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in, and the resolutions adopted:

That among the foreign communications received by the Grand Secretary since the last Annual Grand Communication, your committee find a circular letter from J. H. Holland, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, of the 8th October, 1827, containing the two following important inquiries, to-wit:

"*First.*—Is, or is not the Grand Lodge of each State supreme within such State?

"*Second.*—Is it competent for the Grand Lodge of one of those States to institute Lodges within another State in which a regular Grand Lodge already exists?"

In answer to which, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, That each Grand Lodge is, and should be and remain supreme within its own State. That no other Grand Lodge should interfere with such exclusive privilege, or grant Dispensations or Charters within another State in which a Grand Lodge is regularly organized. And,

Resolved, further, That the Grand Secretary communicate this decision to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

Your committee also find a communication from the Grand Lodge of Delaware, of January 17th, 1828, correcting an error in the Proceedings of said Grand Lodge in June, 1827, as respects Brother John Eakin, who was therein reported "expelled," when in fact he should have been reported *withdrawn*.

In the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, in June, 1827, your committee have noticed a resolution, entered into by that Grand Lodge, respecting the use of ardent spirits. A similar one your committee recommend to the serious consideration of this Grand Lodge: Therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, that they use their utmost influence to suppress the use of ardent spirits by members of the Fraternity and others; and that the several District Masters enforce, by argument and practice, the morality and propriety of this step.

In conclusion, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to forward a copy (when printed) of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, to the several Grand Lodges in correspondence with it; also, two copies to each of the Lodges subordinate within this State; and also, a copy to each of the officers of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Gregg*, the sum of fifteen dollars and fifty cents was allowed Brother Lanier for that sum received by him for Robert Jones of Madison, for blank books and bookbinding for the use of the Grand Lodge, for which he gave a receipt to the Grand Treasurer, which sum he was so unfortunate to lose on his way up to Madison from Salem, in October, 1827, and had to pay to Mr. Jones out of his own funds.

On motion of Brother *Terrill*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary procure two hundred copies of the Grand Constitution, to be printed for the use of the Grand Lodge; and that he incorporate in the same, the several amendments and additions thereto, since the same was last printed; and that he add, at the end thereof, the rules of order as adopted in 1820.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Secretary transmit (when printed) three copies of the same to each of the subordinate Lodges, and one copy to each of the officers of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, Brothers Gregg, Johnston and Hollman were appointed a committee to ascertain and report, as far as practicable, the amount of money due from the late Grand Treasurer, Brother Wm. H. Lilly, now deceased; also, to report the situation of the balance due from Brother W. C. Keen, late Grand Secretary; and also, to ascertain and report whether the forty blank Charters, purchased by the Grand Lodge of Bro-

ther Keen, have been delivered to the present Grand Secretary, or any part thereof.

Brother Crenshaw asked for and obtained leave of absence, during the remainder of the session.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. JOHN TIPTON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

SATURDAY, November 29, 1828.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., JOHN TIPTON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Johnston*, from the committee appointed to wait on the Grand Chaplain, and request of him a copy of the discourse delivered by him on the 27th inst., for the purpose of having the same printed, reported,—that they had performed that duty, and received for answer the following:

INDIANAPOLIS, November 29, 1828.

WORTHY BRETHREN: I have had the pleasure to receive your very polite communication of yesterday, containing a copy of a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana; and in reply, have only to say, that the services which I have rendered, have been with the utmost cheerfulness; and with equal pleasure shall, at any time, be found ready and willing to serve, according to my ability, their most ancient and honorable Body. But, not having anticipated the publication of my sermon, it will previously need some correction, which I shall endeavor to make as soon as possible. But I should suggest the propriety of declining its publication, and of devoting the funds which would be expended thereby, to some object which would be more beneficial to Masonry. Yours, respectfully and fraternally,

G. W. JOHNSTON, and others, Committee. HIRAM A. HUNTER.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee to whom were referred the accounts of the late Grand Secretary, W. C. Keen, and the late Grand Treasurer, W. H. Lilly, deceased, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee deem it inexpedient, at present, to go beyond the settlement made with the late Grand Secretary, W. C. Keen, as exhibited at the session of this M. W. Grand Lodge in 1827; from which it appears that Brother Keen was then in arrears with the Grand Lodge, as follows:

Cash, $35 87½; and $40 00 were allowed to Brother Keen for forty Charters, none of which has been furnished by Brother Keen; making a total of $75 87½.

The amount then supposed to be due from Brother Lilly, as furnished by the present Grand Secretary at the session of 1826, was $370 75; and all that can be accounted for by the papers which have been found since his decease, and those obtained from him before, is $145 81; leaving a balance unaccounted for, of $223 94.

For the want of a sufficient length of time to go into the details, and show the state of the accounts between Brother Keen and Brother Lilly, from 1822 down to the present time, would be a task that would require some days; for which reason, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required to call on Brother Wm. C. Keen, and procure his note for the sum of $75 87½, the sum due from him to this Grand Lodge; and also, that he require him to give security for the same; and that he report his proceedings to the next Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge, on the first day of the session.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be required to report to this Grand Lodge, on the first day of the next Annual Grand Communication, so far as it is practicable from the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, what was the state of accounts between Brothers Keen and Lilly in each year, from the year 1822 to 1826 inclusive; and also, to show the whole amount of receipts by Brother William C. Keen in each year, and the whole amount paid over to Brother William H. Lilly, and the whole amount paid out by him in each year.

Brother *Johnston*, from the committee to whom were referred the petition and appeal of Brother John B. Martin, made the following report:

That it appeared from the records, that Brother Martin was elected and installed Senior Warden of said Lodge; shortly after which, he applied for leave to secede; but his application was rejected, upon the ground, that being elected and installed for a definite period, he could not, consistent with Masonic principles, secede until that period had expired. After mature consideration, your committee are of opinion, and recommend that the decision of Vincennes Lodge be sustained.

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, the report was amended by striking out the word "sustained" and inserting—*reversed; and that said Lodge permit Brother Martin to secede from said Lodge, upon his otherwise complying with the By-Laws.* The report was then concurred in,—(*Ayes*, 11; *Noes*, 10).

Brother *Davis*, from the committee to whom were referred sundry resolutions on the subject of fees to be charged by subordinate Lodges, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolution adopted:

The committee deem it advisable, that the Grand Lodge do something on that subject; and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge be required to demand the whole amount of fees for entering, passing and raising, to be paid down or into the hands of the Secretary, at the time of filing the petition, (which amount for entering, passing and raising shall not be less than fifteen dollars).

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge the following report:

That he has received from the Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, at Columbus, the jewels belonging to said Lodge, which are deposited in the hands of Brother John C. Hulburt, of that place, for safe keeping. The jewels are of silver, and valuable.

Brother Benjamin S. Noble, in open Grand Lodge, resigned his appointment as District Master of the third district; which was accepted and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Whereupon,

On motion of Brother *Morrison*, The Grand Lodge went into the election of a District Master for the third district, in the place of Brother Noble, resigned; and, on counting the ballots, Brother Philip Mason was declared duly elected.

On motion of Brother *Gregg*, the sum of twenty dollars was allowed

Brother Cyrus Vigus, for his services as Grand Tyler during the present Grand Communication.

On motion of Brother *Johnston*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Dispensation heretofore granted, to hold a Lodge at Mount Vernon, in Posey county, by the name of *Philanthropic Lodge*, be continued until the next Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge; and that JAMES W. SWIFT be the Worshipful Master thereof, *John Carson*, the Senior Warden, and *Dennis Carroll*, the Junior Warden.

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That one hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge be printed; and that the Grand Secretary furnish a copy of the Proceedings for the printer.

On motion of Brother *Terrill*, the Grand Treasurer was authorized to loan any surplus funds that may be in his hands, not otherwise appropriated, to any number of Royal Arch Masons, sufficient to form a Chapter in Indianapolis, to aid them in establishing a Chapter in said town, not to exceed one hundred dollars in amount.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JOHN TIPTON, G. M., presiding.

On motion, Brother Johnston was appointed a committee to obtain from Brother Hunter, Grand Chaplain, a copy of his discourse on the 27th inst.; and to cause the same to be published in some public Gazette, at as early a period as practicable.

On motion, Brothers Terrill, Gregg, A. W. Morris and Powell were appointed a committee to confer with Center Lodge, and the Chapter, when one shall be established at Indianapolis, for the purpose of procuring a lot in said town, and making arrangements for erecting a Masonic Hall; and to make report at the next Annual Grand Communication.

Brother *Mason*, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of inquiring what Lodges have forfeited their Charters, and what Lodges are in arrears, and what amount, etc., made the following report, which was concurred in and the resolutions adopted:

The committee have found the subject one of great intricacy and difficulty, and would require much more time than they have to devote to the subject, to make any thing like a correct report. They have no hesitation in saying, that Vevay Lodge, No. 7, has forfeited its Charter; said Lodge has not been represented for the last two years, and is in arrears for the years 1825, 1826, 1827 and 1828; and that in 1825, said Lodge was indebted to the Grand Lodge in the sum of $71 00; since which time, no Returns have been made. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Vevay Lodge, No. 7, be suspended from all the privileges of working, until the further order of this Grand Lodge be known; and that the Grand Secretary make known this determination to the Worshipful Master and Brethren of said Lodge; and that he take possession of the books, papers and jewels of said Lodge; and that he report his proceedings herein to the next Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to lay before the Grand Lodge, annually, on the first day of each session, the following facts: 1st, The amount due from each Lodge; 2d, How long the same has been due; 3d, How long the same have been unrepresented, and for what years no Returns have been made.

On motion of Brother *Mason*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary procure a book, in which he shall open an account with each subordinate Lodge; which book shall show the following items, in separate columns: 1st, The number of members each Lodge has each year, and the number of initiations; 2d, The Lodges represented each year, and where Lodges fail to make report of the number of members of each year, such failure shall be noted; 3d, The date of all Charters and Dispensations shall be noted. All of which shall be reported on the morning of the last day of the session.

Resolved, That the Master of each subordinate Lodge be required to read the Grand Constitution and the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge within his Lodge to the members thereof, at least twice in each year.

On motion of Brother *Percival*, the District Masters were directed to spend not more than two days lecturing each Lodge within their respective districts, unless at the request and expense of the Lodge requiring the same; and to give previous notice, by letter or otherwise, to each Lodge within their districts, of the time of their expected visit.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until six o'clock this evening.

SIX O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JOHN TIPTON, G. M., presiding.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Westgate, Stout, Hollman and Blythe to act with him as Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was then adjourned, to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of INDIANAPOLIS, on the last Monday in November, A. L. 5829, A. D. 1829.

JOHN TIPTON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

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OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—NOV. 30, A. D. 1829, A. L. 5829.

M. W., ABEL C. PEPPER, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on Monday, the thirtieth day of November, A. L. 5829, A. D. 1829, being the last Monday in said month.—Present,

M. W., JOHN TIPTON, Grand Master.
R. W., GENERAL W. JOHNSTON, Deputy Grand Master.
W., ABEL C. PEPPER, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" JAMES MORRISON, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" HARVEY GREGG, Grand Treasurer.
" JAMES F. D. LANIER, Grand Secretary.
" JAMES B. HALL, Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
" JAMES WHITCOMB, Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
" HIRAM A. HUNTER, Grand Chaplain.
" BERTHUEL F. MORRIS, Grand Orator.
" ZERA T. PERCIVAL, Grand Pursuivant.
" JORDAN VIGUS, Grand Steward and Tyler, *pro tem.*

Past Grand Officer.—Harvey Gregg.

Representatives.—From Union Lodge, No. 2, J. F. D. Lanier; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Zera T. Percival; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Abel C. Pepper; Warren Lodge, No. 15, Philip Mason; Bloomington Lodge, No. 22, James Whitcomb; Center Lodge, No. 23, Benjamin J. Blythe and A. W. Ingram; Charity Lodge, No. 30, Hiram A. Hunter; Hamilton Lodge, No. 32, James B. Hall; Tipton Lodge, No. 33, Hiram Todd.

Visitors.—Abraham Harrison and Bethel Dunning.

The Grand Lodge was then opened, in ancient form, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatives aforesaid presented the Returns of their several

Lodges, and their credentials as representatives; which were referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Morrison and Blythe.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following standing committees, to-wit:

On Accounts—To examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the receipts of the Grand Charity Fund.—Brothers WHITCOMB, MASON and PERCIVAL.

On Grievances—To hear and examine into grievances.—Brothers GREGG, INGRAM and HALL.

On Charters and Dispensations—To examine and inspect the workings of Lodges under Dispensation.—Brothers HUNTER and MORRIS.

On Unfinished Business—To examine and report the unfinished business of the last Annual Grand Communication.—Brothers LANIER and MORRISON.

On Foreign Correspondence—To examine foreign communications.—Brothers MORRIS, PEPPER and TODD.

On Returns and Credentials—To examine the Returns of subordinate Lodges and the credentials of representatives.—Brothers MORRISON and BLYTHE.

To examine attendant and visiting Brethren.—Brothers TODD and MASON.

The Grand Secretary presented the following reports, which were read and referred to the committee on Accounts:

First.—The Grand Secretary submits the following statement of moneys received by him from subordinate Lodges, since the first day of the last session of the Grand Lodge, up to the first day of the present, the last exclusive:

From Vincennes Lodge No. 1,	$ 9 00
" Pisgah Lodge, No. 5,	5 00
" Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10,	7 50
" Harmony Lodge, No. 11,	26 00
" Scott Lodge, No. 12,	5 62
" Washington Lodge, No. 13,	5 00
" Warren Lodge, No. 15,	17 00
" Hiram Lodge, No. 18,	12 50
" Salem Lodge, No. 21,	19 50
" Center Lodge, No. 23,	22 00
" Webb Lodge, No. 24,	16 00
" Wayne Lodge, No. 25,	19 50
" Solomon Lodge, No. 27,	7 00
" Lafayette Lodge, No. 28,	4 00
" Clay Lodge, No. 29,	20 00
" Charity Lodge, No. 30,	27 00
" Liberty Lodge, (U. D.),	5 00
" Tipton Lodge, (U. D.), $12 00, deduct $6 00 for Charter, leaves	6 00
" Hamilton Lodge, (U. D.), $10 50, deduct $6 00 for Charter, leaves	4 50
" Benevolent Lodge, (U. D.),	1 00
Total,	$239 12
Paid over to the Grand Treasurer, receipt dated Dec. 2, 1828, $103 00	
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Add to this the amount due me last An. Gr. Communication, 20 36	
Also, the amount allowed, as per resolution, 15 50	
	$164 86
Leaving in my hands,	$ 74 26

Second.—The Grand Secretary also presents the following statement of the amount due from the subordinate Lodges, to the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, so far as Returns have been made:

LODGES,	*Number.*	Am't due, 1826, as per report of W. C. Keen.	Returns, 1826, after K. went out of office.	Am't paid 1826, after K. went out of office.	Total bal. due to the session of 1-26.	Amount of dues for 1827, Charters, etc.	Amount paid for 1827, Charters, etc.	Amount of dues for 1828, Charters, etc.	Amount paid for 1828, Charters, etc.	Total bal. due up to the close of last session
Vincennes,	1	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 7.50	$ 7.50	$ 9.00	$ 9.00	$ .....
Union,	2	26.00	.....	.....	26.00	12.00	.....	7.50	.....	45 50
Blazing Star,	3	12.00	.....	5.00	7.00	17 50	.....	24.50	.....	49.00
Lawrenceburg,	4	.....	20.00	20.00	.....	25.50	5.50	16.50	.....	36.50
Pisgah,	5	23.50	.....	.....	23.50	9.50	15.50	22.50	5.00	35 00
Rising Sun,[7]	6	16.50	.....	.....	16.50	23.00	16.50	...*...	.....	23.00
Vevay,[1]	7	71.00	...†...	.....	71.00	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	71.00
Zif,[6]	8	.....	...‡...	.....	.....	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	.....
Posey,[7]	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50	7.50	...*...	.....	.....
Olive Branch,	10	5.50	6.50	11.50	.....	5.50	5.50	7.50	7.50	.....
Harmony,[5]	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	...*...	.....	26.50	26.50	.....
Scott,[7]	12	34.50	.....	.....	34.50	12.00	.....	14 00	.....	60.50
Washington,	13	16.50	.....	.....	16.50	6.50	6.50	17.00	5.00	28.50
Palestine,[6]	14	.....	§11.00	11.00	.....	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	.....
Warren,[2]	15	.....	10.50	.....	10.50	9.50	20.00	17.00	17.00	.....
Clinton,[7]	16	5.88	.....	.....	5.88	8.50	14.38	8.50	.....	.....
Jennings,[4]	17	7.50	5.50	.....	12.50	6.00	11.50	...*...	.....	7.00
Hiram,	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.50	.....	12.00	26.00	50
Terre Haute,[4]	19	21.00	12.00	.....	33.00	19.00	41 00	...*...	.....	11.00
St. Johns,	20	20.00	...‖...	.....	20.00	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....
Salem,	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.50	28.50	19.50	19.50	.....
Bloomington,	22	25.25	7.50	12.00	20.75	7.50	18.00	8.00	.....	18.25
Center,	23	35.50	.....	30.50	5.00	19.00	13.00	22.00	22.00	11.00
Webb,	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	15.00	13.00	16.00	.....
Wayne,[2]	25	.....	15.50	.....	15.50	42.00	42.00	19.50	19.50	.....
Hindostan,[7]	26	24.00	.....	.....	24.00	7.00	.....	...*...	.....	31.00
Solomon,	27	55.00	.....	12.00	43.00	7.50	.....	6.50	7.00	50.00
Lafayette,	28	38.50	.....	.....	38.50	21.50	25.00	17.50	4.00	48 50
Clay,[3]	29	22.00	...¶...	.....	22.00	10.50	20.00	12,50	20.00	5 00
Charity,	30	39.00	.....	.....	39.00	12.50	.....	9.50	27.00	34.00
Jefferson,[7]	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	45.00	45.00	...*...	.....	25.75
Western Star,	32	.....	8.00	5.00	3.00	11.00	34.75	46.50	.....	.....
Hamilton,	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49.50	13.50	36.00
Tipton,	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51.00	15.00	36.00
Philanthr'c,[8] (U.D.)		.....	.....	.....	.....	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	.....
Benevolent,[8] (U.D.)		.....	.....	.....	.....	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	.....
Liberty [8] (U.D.)		.....	.....	.....	.....	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	

Total balance due, up to the close of the last session of the Gr. Lodge,.....$663.00

There is yet due from William C. Keen, late Grand Secretary, the sum of $75 87½, as per his own statement,—(see Proceedings of the last Grand Communication). There is also in the hands of Brother J. H. Richardson, $11 50, paid him by Olive Branch Lodge, which he has not paid over, but which amount is credited to said Lodge.

(1) Not represented since 1825, Charter suspended. (2) Not represented in 1826. (3) Not represented in 1826–7–8. (4) Not represented in 1826 nor 1828. (5) Not represented in 1827. (6) Not represented in 1827–8. (7) Not represented in 1828. (8) Dispensation continued by order of the Grand Lodge.

* No return. † No Return since 1825. ‡ No Return since 1826. § For 1827. ‖ Charter arrested ¶ No return for 1826.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was read and referred to the committee on Accounts:

Since the report to the last session, received from Gr. Secretary,			$129 00
(Out of which the following disbursements have been made:)			
By cash paid to Elihu Stout, for printing,	$ 25 00		
do. " Cyrus Vigus, Grand Tyler,	20 00		
do. " Wm. Marshall, by a previous order of Gr. Lodge,	25 00		
do. " Hiram A. Hunter,	19 50		
do. " F. T. Luse, per Secretary,	8 00		
		97 50	
Leaving in the hands of the Grand Treasurer,			$ 31 50
Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands in 1828,			120 19
do. do. do. 1827			227 06
Making a total,			$378 75

By reference to the reports of the various years referred to in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, it can be seen of what the funds consisted in at the times the reports were made. There has been no actual collection of any moneys due the Lodge by note. Some of the notes have been put into a train for collection, pursuant to the order of the Grand Lodge, at the last Grand Communication.

By reference to the Proceedings of 1828, it will be seen that the Grand Treasurer was required to report to this Grand Lodge, the state of accounts between Brother W. C. Keen, late Grand Secretary, and Brother W. H. Lilly, late Grand Treasurer, from 1822 to 1826 inclusive. The Grand Treasurer, after a laborious examination of the papers of the Grand Lodge, has found it utterly impracticable to find any clue to the accounts of the said Brothers that would throw any light on the true state of their accounts to enable this Grand Lodge to take any measures upon. As regards the present condition of the late Grand Treasurer's account, from the situation and insolvency of his estate, it must be lost to this Grand Lodge; and I think it useless, to institute any further inquiry, or to take up any further time upon that subject.

The Grand Secretary reported, that he had received communications from various foreign Grand Lodges; which were presented and referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Secretary also reported, that since the last session of the Grand Lodge, a Dispensation has been granted to a number of Brethren at Lafayette, to hold a Lodge there by the name of Perry Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. JOHN TIPTON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, December 1, 1829.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., JOHN TIPTON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Morrison*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, reported the following Brethren as representatives from subordinate Lodges; which report was concurred in:

Brothers J. F. D. Lanier, C. P. J. Arion and John Sheets, (*proxy*), from Union Lodge, No. 2; B. T. Percival, (W. M.), Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; A. C. Pepper, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6; Philip Mason, (W. M.), Warren Lodge, No. 15; James Whitcomb, (W. M.), Bloomington Lodge, No. 22; N. Noble and Andrew Ingram, (*proxies*), Center Lodge, No. 23; William Sheets, (W. M.), Solomon Lodge, No. 27; H. A. Hunter, Charity Lodge, No. 30; James B. Hall, Western Star Lodge, No. 32; Hiram Todd, (W. M.), Hamilton Lodge, No. 33.

The Grand Secretary presented the workings of Liberty Lodge, (U. D.), and their petition praying that a Charter may be granted them; which were read and referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations. Also, two letters from Brother James Goodhue, Worshipful Master of Scott Lodge, No. 12; which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JOHN TIPTON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Johnston* presented an account of Brother Stout, for printing the Proceedings of the last Annual Grand Communication; which was read and referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Morrison, Pepper and Johnston.

On motion of Brother *Johnston*, Brothers Arion & Lodge were allowed the sum of $14 25, for printing two hundred copies of the Grand Constitution and seven quires of blank circulars.

Brother *Hunter*, District Master for the first district, presented the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Having previously written to, I visited Hindostan Lodge, No. 26, on the 15th day of December, 1828; I found them in a truly desperate state. They had had no meeting for nine months, and had no regular record of their proceedings for more than twelve months; the number of members is fifteen; the sum due the Lodge from the members thereof, up to November, 1828, is $139 74⅔, the collection of a part of which is doubtful; their treasury is empty, and the prospects for future prosperity in Masonry very gloomy. I spent three days in going to, attending upon, and returning from this Lodge, I fear to but little purpose.

December 18th, I met Charity Lodge, No. 30, at Washington. I found that Lodge in a somewhat better state. Their meetings have been regular, and their record good; the number of members is fifteen; the amount due the Lodge, from the members thereof, is $40 00; they have no money in the treasury. I received for my services, as District Master, from Charity Lodge, $18 50. The prospects for future prosperity in Masonry not very encouraging.

December 22d, I visited Clay Lodge, No. 29, at Petersburg, and found it in a much better state than I expected. The number of members is fourteen. The amount due the Lodge, from the members thereof, is $30 00; the amount in the treasury is $27 00. The time devoted to the service of this Lodge, three days; and the prospects for future prosperity in Masonry, are tolerably good.

January 5th, 1829, I started to, and on the 7th, met Mount Vernon Lodge, (U. D.); but, owing to a failure on the part of this Lodge to receive my previous communication, the members were very much scattered; those, however, who could attend, appeared desirous to be instructed. On examining their records, I found that they had done much of their business very loosely, in so much that I could not ascertain correctly the situation of the Lodge. The members of this Lodge have been at the expense of finishing a very comfortable and suitable Lodge room, which (judging from their age and number) I suppose has brought them in debt. Their manner of working is very correct; the number of members is thirteen. I received from this Lodge, for my services as District Master, $7 00.

January 10th, I visited Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, at Evansville. Members were generally absent, and those who were not were very indifferent. They worked very badly, and their records were not well kept. The amount due the Lodge, from the members thereof, is $25 00; the amount in the treasury is $6 00; the number of members is sixteen. I received from this Lodge, for my services as District Master, the sum of $4 50. The prospects for future prosperity in Masonry, in this Lodge, is very dull.

January 14th, I visited Clinton Lodge, No. 16, at Princeton, and found them in a tolerably flourishing state; their records tolerably well kept; the number of members is sixteen; the sum due the Lodge is $272 00; the amount in the treasury is $24 00. I received for my services as District Master, the sum of $5 00. The prospects for future prosperity in Masonry here are very good.

January 17th, I met Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, at Vincennes; and, on examination, found their records are well kept, and their meetings regular; the number of their members is thirteen; the amount due the Lodge is $27 48; the amount in the treasury is $22 18¾. I received from this Lodge, for my services as District Master, the sum of $4 50. The prospects for the prosperity of Masonry are very good.

January 21st, I visited Hiram Lodge, No. 18, at Carlisle, and found them in a prosperous state. The number of members is twenty-two; their records are tolerably well kept; the sum due is $148 07; no money in the treasury. The prospects for future prosperity in Masonry are encouraging.

January 23d, I met Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19, at Terre Haute; and was much pleased, both with their manner of working and keeping their records. The number of members is nineteen; the amount due the Lodge is $7 00; the amount in the treasury is $16 50. I received from them, for my services as District Master, the sum of $9 50. The prospects for future prosperity in Masonry are very good.

August 13th, 1829, I visited Logansport, for the purpose of lecturing Tipton Lodge, No. 33; but the particular situation of the members of that Lodge, together with my own indisposition, forbid me to render that service which I otherwise would have done. My health at that time was such, that I did little more than examine their records, with which I was highly pleased.

August 20th, I expected to have met Western Star Lodge, No. 34, at Clinton; but their failure to receive my communication, together with my ill health, forbid me to remain with them, though I went to the place. I then left another appointment, to be with them on the 9th and 10th days of September; but the ill health of my family forbid my attendance; and since that time, it has not been practicable.

The whole number of members in the first district, is 144. The time taken in going to, lecturing and returning from the several Lodges, was thirty days. The amount received from the whole number of Lodges, for my expenses and services,

was $49 00, leaving a balance due the Grand Lodge, from which I have received over and above my per diem allowance, the sum of $4 00.

Brother *Sheets*, District Master for the second district, presented the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

That in consequence of circumstances which he did not at the time of his appointment anticipate, he was prevented from discharging the duty imposed upon him at as early a period as was desirable. But that he has made personal considerations yield to what he conceived to be the interest of the Institution of which he is proud to be a member; and has in part, to as great an extent as he conceived advisable, performed the said duty.

The Lodges composing his distaict are fifteen in number; ten of which, exclusive of those in the town where he resides, he has visited; and is now extremely sorry to be under the necessity of reporting to this Grand Lodge, that he succeeded in getting together but four of that number. The shortness of the time allowed by said resolutions to be spent with each Lodge, and the impracticability of giving notice as to the precise time at which the said District Master would meet a certain Lodge, precluded the posibility of getting meetings of some of the Lodges situated in small villages, where the members reside remote from each other, and distant from the place of assembling the Lodge; and the failure is more to be attributed to this fact than to a want of zeal in the members generally for the good of the Institution. The members of those Lodges which he succeeded in getting together, seemed to be warmly attached to the Institution, and the Lodges, so far as he was able to judge, in as flourishing condition as could be expected under existing circumstances. The said District Master would further report, that the reason why he did not visit two or three of the Lodges situated in a remote part of the district, was that he conceived it improper to run the Grand Lodge to the expense of a visit, when it was uncertain whether a meeting could be had, or any lasting benefit result.

The District Master would further report, that he does not deem it incumbent upon him to make any report as to the financial concerns of the Lodges in his district, as that is a matter, in his opinion, over which the Grand Lodge ought not to exercise a control, so long as the subordinate Lodges comply with the requisitions of the Grand Lodge in the payment of dues, etc., and do not convert their funds to purposes other than Masonic.

The said District Master would further report, that the first Lodge he visited was that at Lexington; and was informed by the Worshipful Master, that their Charter would be surrendered at this session of the Grand Lodge, and therefore declined calling a meeting of said Lodge. The next Lodge in his route, was that of Blazing Star, at Charlestown, which, upon his arrival, was immediately convened; and with whom he spent two days; during which time, the most of the members who resided in town were punctual in attendance, paid strict attention to the instructions, and seemed to be profited by the visit. The District Master is of opinion, that the prospects of future prosperity of the Order in that place are good. He next proceeded to Jeffersonville; but was unable to procure a meeting in consequence, as it was alledged by the Worshipful Master, of the indisposition of some of the members and absence of others. What may be the prospects of future success in this place, the District Master is unable to say; but from appearances, not very flattering. He then visited Albany; and was informed by an individual who was a Mason and perhaps a member of the Lodge, that they had ceased operations some time since, and would not probably renew their labors; the prospects, therefore, gloomy. He

then proceeded to Corydon, where he assembled the Lodge; all the members of which who reside in town were present, and he was informed that the Lodge was in as flourishing a condition, as at any previous period since its organization. The next Lodge which he had the pleasure to meet, was that at Salem; and was pleased to find that they needed but little instruction, as its members are generally composed of a number of highly intelligent and expert Masons. The prospects of the Order at Salem, in the opinion of the District Master, are highly flattering. He then met the Lodge at Brownstown, where the utmost attention was paid to him, as an individual, and as an officer of this Grand Lodge, received his instructions with much attention and in his opinion to much benefit. The prospects for the future prosperity of the Craft at Brownstown, are, in the opinion of the District Master, more flattering than at any other place in his district, similarly situated, He then proceeded to Bedford, and was informed that they had not done any business since the removal of the county seat from Palestine, and would probably cease to be as a Lodge. The prospects, then, in this place must be bad. He next visited the Lodge at Bloomington, where he could not procure a meeting; the Worshipful Master was just on the eve of leaving home, from whom he did not receive a very favorable account of their prosperity; but the District Master is of opinion, that the general intelligence, the high standing and Masonic zeal of the present Worshipful Master, will, if exerted, produce a change of feeling and sentiment at that place. Indisposition then compelled the District Master to return home. As he passed through Vernon, he informed some of the members of the Lodge that he would visit them at any time when it would suit their convenience, if they would let him know when that time would be, which they did not do; he can therefore say nothing about their future prospects. The Lodges at the place where the District Master resides were not assembled by him in the capacity of an officer of the Grand Lodge, as he deemed it unnecessary to incur that expense to the Grand Lodge, when he was the Worshipful Master of one of them, and frequently visited the other.

The District Master conceives it his duty to report, that the several Lodges who met and received his instructions, complied cheerfully and promptly with the requisition of the Grand Lodge, on the subject of paying the expenses of the District Master while among them.

The time spent in performing the above duty, was seventeen days, which, at one dollar and fifty cents per day, makes	$ 25 50
From which, deduct $4 50 received from Blazing Star Lodge, $3 00 from Pisgah Lodge, $3 00 from Salem Lodge, and $3 00 from Brownstown Lodge,..	13 50
Amount due from Grand Lodge,.....	$ 12 00

Brother *Mason*, District Master for the third district, made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Wayne Lodge, No. 25.—This Lodge is composed of a number of highly respectable members, among whom the utmost harmony and good order prevail. Their present and future prospects are highly flattering: they were in need of instruction as to the work: they paid the utmost attention during my stay, which was five days. Preparations were making for the building of a Masonic Hall.

Webb Lodge, No. 24—I found possessing a good knowledge of Masonry; their work required a slight change, which they readily acquired; they were not in that good harmony which should characterize a Lodge; in every other respect their prospects are favorable, although they are situated in a part of the country where strong prejudices exist against Masons.

Warren Lodge, No. 15.—This Lodge has undergone so many changes by secession and emigrations from the place, that its communications are thinly attended, and but little general interest exists in its favor. There are a spirited few still attend and keep it alive.

Liberty Lodge, (U. D.).—The prospects of this Lodge are truly flattering; they paid every attention to the instructions in the work, which they needed. I visited them a second time, in June last, by order of the M. W. Grand Master, and installed their officers. They still continue in a highly prosperous condition.

Harmony Lodge, No. 11.—This Lodge is made up of a large number of respectable and well informed Masons; (some change, in their mode of work, was necessary). They only want for that noble contention or rather emulation, who can best agree.

Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4.—This Lodge is far from being prosperous; a general want of harmony and interest seems to prevail; the exertions of a few keep it alive. The few that attended during my stay are truly deserving.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6.—This is the largest Lodge in the district; their present and future prospects are highly flattering.

Jefferson Lodge, No. 31.—Owing to the badness of the weather, the Lodge could not be convened during my stay. I instructed several of its members; the Worshipful Master is a well informed Mason. From the information I received, this Lodge, though small, deserves well of the Fraternity.

Vevay Lodge, No. 7.—This Lodge ceased to work, more than three years ago. I received a promise from the former Worshipful Master, to be furnished with a true situation of the affairs of the Lodge; but have only received verbal information that the books, papers and jewels are in the hands of Brother W. C. Keen, and nothing certain could be had from him on the subject.

Benevolent Lodge, (U. D.),—To this Lodge there has been two Dispensations granted; their conduct, under the first Dispensation in the admission of candidates, is said, by the Brethren at Rising Sun, not to be good. I called on the Senior Warden, who informed me that they had not organized under the last Dispensation, and he thought they would not; what they have done since, I know not.

Debtor.—Attending Wayne and Webb Lodges,—fourteen days,			$21 00
do.	Liberty Lodge, twice,—six days,		9 00
do.	Harmony, Lawrenceburg, Jefferson, Rising Sun, Benevolent and Vevay Lodges,—sixteen days,		24 00
Conferring with District Masters,—four days,			6 00
Total amount,			$60 00
Credit.—By amount received from Wayne Lodge,		$15 00	
do.	do. Liberty Lodge,	7 50	
do.	do. Harmony Lodge,	6 00	
do.	do. Lawrenceburg Lodge,	6 00	
do.	do. Webb Lodge,	6 00	
do.	do. Rising Sun Lodge,	2 50	
Order on Gr. Tr., for conference with District Masters,		6 00	
			$49 00
Balance due from Grand Lodge,			$11 00

Brother *Whitcomb*, from the committee on Accounts, presented the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolutions adopted:

Upon examination of the books, papers and vouchers of the Grand Secretary we find the following to be the true condition of his accounts:

Since the last Annual Grand Communication, he has received up to the first day of the present session (the last exclusive),.....$239 12

From which deduct amount		paid Grand Treasurer,.....	$129 00	
do.	do.	due Gr. Sec'y on settlem't last session,	20 36	
do.	do.	allowed him last session,.....	15 50	
do.	do.	for services rendered last year, ...	75 00	
do.	do.	cash paid for postage, stationery, etc.	28 34	
				$268 20

Leaving a balance due Grand Secretary, ... $29 08

Of the above account, charged by the Grand Secretary, one item is for the Masonic Mirror and Chart, $2 00; which appeared never to have been ordered. Also, an item of $3 00, for postage on a packet of Lodge jewels.

Your committee further beg leave to report, that they have examined the report, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and find that he has received, within the last year, from the Grand Secretary the sum of.....$129 00

Out of which he has paid, pursuant to appropriations made by the Grand Lodge at their last session, as per vouchers,..... 84 50

Leaving a balance of, ... $ 44 50

The Grand Treasurer has also credited himself with an additional item of $5 00, as paid to Brother Stout, Dec. 7, 1828, on his account for printing, for which he has no voucher; and has also exhibited a voucher for the payment of $8 00 to Brother F. T. Luse, for a Secretary for the use of the Grand Lodge, but without an order for the same; making the sum of,..... 13 00

Leaving a balance of the past year's receipts,..... $ 31 50

To which add balance in Grand Treasurer's hands at the session of 1827, consisting of a due bill on Henry Hurst, for $20 00; a receipt of William Smith, Treasurer of Union Lodge, on loan, for $12 00; and $195 06¼ in specie, subject to order of Grand Lodge, ... 227 06¼

Also, a balance of $75 00 in his hands at the session of 1828, consisting of a loan to Brother M. G. Clark, Oct. 5th, 1828, by order of Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master; a loan of $8 00 to Charles I. Hand, Sept. 1st, 1828; and $37 18¾, cash in Treasurer's hands,..... 120 18¾

Leaving an aggregate balance in hands of Grand Treasurer,.....$378 75

Your committee would further report, that no collections of funds due the Grand Lodge by note or otherwise, appear to have been made since the last Annual Grand Communication; and they would reiterate the recommendation of the committee on Accounts at the last session,—that the Grand Treasurer be required to call on all persons holding Lodge funds by loan or otherwise, to pay the same before the next Annual Grand Communication.

Your committee, viewing the account of the Grand Secretary handed us for services rendered for the last year, reasonable and proper to be allowed, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the account of the Grand Secretary, for $103 34, be allowed; and that he be allowed an order on the Grand Treasurer for the balance due him, of $29 08.

Resolved, That the accounts, as exhibited, of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, be approved and confirmed.

Brother *Morrison* presented a communication from Brother Lionel James Larkin, Worshipful Master of Philanthropic Lodge, (U. D.), praying that a Charter may be granted said Lodge, for the reasons assigned in said com-

munication; which was read and referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Johnston*, Brothers Noble and Vigus were appointed a committee to make the necessary preparations for a procession on Thursday next, the procession and sermon to be at eleven o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. JOHN TIPTON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, December 2, 1829.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock A. M.—M. W., JOHN TIPTON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Mason* presented a petition of Warren Lodge, praying that the resolution of the last Grand Lodge—requiring the fees for initiation to be not less that fifteen dollars, and that the same be paid in advance—be repealed; which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances.

The credentials of representatives from Terre Haute, Salem, Hindostan and Jefferson Lodges were referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials.

Brother *Morrison*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, reported the following Brethren as representatives; which report was agreed to:

Brothers John Davy, from Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19; Samuel Peck, (W. M.), Salem Lodge, No. 21; Anthony L. Davis, (W. M.), Wayne Lodge, No. 25; and Thomas Guion, Jefferson Lodge, No. 31.

Brother *Morrison*, from the committee to whom was referred the account of Brother Stout for printing, reported that he ought to be allowed the sum of $25 25, being the balance of an account of $50 25, due him as aforesaid; which report was concurred in and the allowance made.

The Grand Secretary presented sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges, received since his report on Monday last; which were read and referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Secretary also presented the following communication:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Indiana: DECEMBER 2, 1829.

A special meeting of the Grand Lodge was called, by my direction, at Logansport, on the 13th day of August last, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a Masonic Hall, about to be erected at that place, by Hamilton Lodge, No. 33. The minutes of that meeting were left with me by the Grand Secretary, who attended on that occasion, and was by me forgotten at my residence. I will, however, have them forwarded in time for publication with the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

The multifarious engagements of the undersigned, will probably prevent his attendance at the next Grand Lodge, he therefore tenders his most sincere thanks for the partiality and friendship shown him by this Grand Lodge, and declines a reelection as Grand Master. JOHN TIPTON.

On motion of Brother *Johnston*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, in making out the Proceedings of the present session for publication, be directed to notice the presentation of reports of committees only; except such as may contain instruction to the subordinate Lodges, and those containing the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, which shall be published at full length.

On motion, Brothers Lanier, Hall and Morrison were appointed a committee to receive proposals for printing the Proceedings of the present Grand Communication.

On motion of Brother *Whitcomb*, the Grand Lodge resolved to proceed, at half past two o'clock this afternoon, to the election of its officers for the ensuing year.

Brother *Hunter*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was agreed to, and the resolutions adopted:

The committee have carefully reviewed the proceedings of Liberty Lodge, at Liberty, in Union county, together with the petition of L. J. Larkin, praying on behalf of Philanthropic Lodge, at Mount Vernon, in Posey county, on certain conditions therein mentioned, that a Charter be granted them.

Whereupon, in view of the reports made by several District Masters, your committee recommend, that a Charter be granted to each of them.

We have also had under consideration, a communication from certain Brethren at Lafayette, in the county of Tippecanoe, praying that the Dispensation heretofore granted them be continued until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge; which your committee deem reasonable, and recommend that their request be granted.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to Liberty Lodge, (U. D.), by the name of *Liberty Lodge*, No. 35; and that LEMUEL JOHNSTON be the first Worshipful Master thereof, *Sylvanus Everts*, the Senior Warden, and *John Fosdick*, the Junior Warden.

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to Philanthropic Lodge, (U. D.), by the name of *Philanthropic Lodge*, No. 36; and that LIONEL JAMES LARKIN be the first Worshipful Master thereof, *John Carson*, the Senior Warden, and *John Knight*, the Junior Warden.

Resolved, That the Dispensation, heretofore granted to a number of Brethren at Lafayette, to hold a Lodge there by the name of *Perry Lodge*, be continued until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge; and that ISAAC EDWARDS be continued the Worshipful Master thereof, *William Bush*, the Senior Warden, and *John Taylor*, the Junior Warden.

Brother Mason was then received and acknowledged as the *proxy* for Liberty Lodge, and Brother Larkin as the representative from Philanthropic Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Hunter*, the Grand Lodge took up for consideration the proposed amendment to the Constitution, presented at the last Annual Grand Communication,—striking out the word "fifty," and inserting *thirty-seven and a half*. Whereupon, the proposed amendment was rejected.

Brother *Morris*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, reported,—that, having carefully examined the Proceedings of the different Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, the committee

do not find any thing that, in their opinion, requires the special attention of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JOHN TIPTON, G. M., presiding.

The Grand Lodge went into the election of its officers for the ensuing twelve months; Brothers Gregg and Whitcomb acting as tellers. On counting the ballots, the following Brethren were declared duly elected:

M. W., ABEL C. PEPPER (of Rising Sun), Grand Master.
R. W., GENERAL W. JOHNSTON (of Vincennes), Deputy Grand Master.
W., HIRAM TODD (of Logansport), Senior Grand Warden.
" PHILIP MASON (of Connersville), Junior Grand Warden.
" HARVEY GREGG (of Indianapolis), Grand Treasurer.
" JAMES F. D. LANIER (of Madison), Grand Secretary.
" ZERAH T. PERCIVAL (of Lawrenceburg), Grand Senior Deacon.
" ANTHONY L. DAVIS (of Fort Wayne), Grand Junior Deacon.
" HIRAM A. HUNTER (of Washington), Grand Chaplain.
" WILLIAM W. WICK (of Indianapolis), Grand Orator.
" NOAH NOBLE (of Indianapolis), Grand Marshal.
" SAMUEL PECK (of Salem), Grand Sword Bearer.
" J. B. DURET (of Logansport), Grand Pursuivant.
" JORDAN VIGUS (of Logansport), Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to select, by ballot, a site for the Grand Lodge for the ensuing twelve months; and on counting the ballots, it appeared that the town of Indianapolis was duly selected; which was accordingly so declared.

On motion, the several reports of the District Masters, and the commutions from Brother Goodhue, were taken up and referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Gregg, Whitcomb, Morrison, Pepper and Parker.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. JOHN TIPTON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, December 3, 1829.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., JOHN TIPTON, G. M., presiding.

The credentials of the representative from Harmony Lodge, No. 11, were referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials. Whereupon, Brother *Morrison*, from said committee, reported,—that Brother Benjamin

S. Noble is the representative from Harmony Lodge, No. 11; which report was concurred in.

The Grand Secretary presented a petition of Benjamin Cushman, late of Wayne Lodge; and also a petition of several members of said Lodge, praying that authority may be granted said Lodge (for certain causes set out in said petitions) to reconsider the vote of said Lodge heretofore given, expelling said Cushman from the privileges of Masonry: which were read and referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion, Brothers Todd, Lanier, Morrison, Parker and Sheets were appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency of refunding to Hamilton Lodge, the sum of $54 00, paid to the Grand Secretary on yesterday; and also to inquire into the propriety of entering a credit of $60 00 to each subordinate Lodge on the books of the Grand Secretary, which may have, or hereafter will erect a Masonic Hall of suitable size and of substantial materials, on a lot of its own; which credit shall not be given until said Hall is actually commenced and the Grand Lodge satisfied that the same will be completed, and that such Lodge will, in all probability, continue to do well.

On motion of Brother *Parker*, the Grand Lodge resolved to go into the installation of the Grand Officers to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock.

Brother *Lanier*, from the committee appointed to receive proposals for printing the Proceedings of the present Grand Communication, made the following report, which was concurred in and the resolution adopted:

The committee have received proposals from Brothers Arion & Lodge, of Madison, as follows: Composition, forty-five cents per thousand ems; press work, forty-five cents per token; paper (best quality), four dollars per ream; the work to be done in a neat and workmanlike manner, and to be completed in one month after the receipt of the copy. Your committee, therefore, have accepted the proposition of said Brothers, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brothers Arion & Lodge be employed to print the Proceedings of the present Grand Communication, at the rates proposed; and that the Grand Secretary furnish them a copy thereof for that purpose.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

The Brethren of the Grand Lodge, and of Center Lodge, and also a number of visiting Brethren, then formed a Grand procession and proceeded, in due order and harmony, to the Methodist Episcopal Church, where an appropriate address was delivered by Brother H. A. Hunter, Grand Chaplain. After which, the procession returned to the Lodge room.

HALF PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P. M

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., JOHN TIPTON, G. M., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Gregg*, the thanks of this Grand Lodge were presented to Rev. Brother Hunter, Grand Chaplain, for the able and appropriate discourse delivered by him on this day; and the sum of twenty dollars was allowed said Brother for his attendance on this Grand Lodge.

Brother Davy asked for and obtained leave of absence, during the remainder of the session.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. JOHN TIPTON, *G. Master*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

FRIDAY, December 4, 1829.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock A. M.—M. W., JOHN TIPTON, G. M., presiding.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect. Whereupon, After all the Brethren below the degree of Past Master had retired, a Lodge of Past Masters was opened, in ancient form.—M. W., JOHN TIPTON, G. M., Presiding.

Brother Abel C. Pepper was duly installed Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brother G. W. Johnston, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, for the ensuing twelve months

The Past Masters' Lodge was then closed, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to labor as before.—M. W., ABEL C. PEPPER, G. M., presiding.

The other Grand Officers elect were then duly installed into their respective offices, by the Grand Master.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee to whom were referred the reports of the several District Masters, and the communication from Scott Lodge, presented the following report:

The District Masters of the first and third districts have made detailed reports of the situation of the Lodges in their respective districts, that show the result of much labor and exertion on their part, highly creditable and praiseworthy to the Brothers who performed it. The District Master of the second district has also made a report, but not so full as your committee could have wished. They have, notwithstanding, the fullest confidence in the zeal and ability of the Brother who performed the service, and are well satisfied that circumstances beyond his control prevented him from doing any thing better than he has, without unreasonable exertion on his part. The object for which they were appointed has in part been accomplished, and much useful information disseminated. Brother Hunter has rendered his account for $45 00; Brother Sheets, for $25 00, and Brother Mason, for $60 00, which your committee deem reasonable, and recommend to be allowed by the Grand Lodge, as per their own reports; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to enter a credit for the sums which they have severally reported to have been received from the subordinate Lodges, to the said Lodges, to be deducted from the accounts due from said Lodges to this Grand Lodge. Your committee deem a further appointment of District Masters, at the present time, as inexpedient.

On the subject of the Lodges that have not been represented for two years, and which are in arrears to this Grand Lodge:

1st. Vevay Lodge has not been represented, or heard from, since 1825, and, from the best information, has ceased to work for several years. Zif, Palestine, and Hindostan Lodges have also failed to pay up their dues, and have not been represented for several years; and, from the best accounts, are in a disorganized and unmasonic condition. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Charters of Vevay Lodge, No. 7; Zif Lodge, No. 8; Palestine Lodge, No. 14, and Hindostan Lodge, No. 26, be, and the same are hereby arrested by this Grand Lodge: and the Grand Secretary is hereby fully authorized by this Grand Lodge, to take possession of the papers, books, dues, tools, jewels and furniture of said Lodges, as soon as he can get possession of the same, for the use of this Grand Lodge; and that he report specially what he has done in the premises, to the next Annual Grand Communication thereof; and that he inform said Lodges of the determination of this Grand Lodge, as soon as possible.

2d. With regard to Scott and Solomon Lodges, your committee are satisfied, from the evidence they have before them, that said Lodges wish to pay up their dues to this Grand Lodge, and surrender their Charters. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Charters of Scott Lodge, No 12, and Solomon Lodge, No. 27, be returned to them for the present; and that the Grand Secretary is hereby fully authorized to make settlement with said Lodges; and that, upon the full payment of the several sums due from said Lodges to the Grand Secretary, he is authorized to receive a surrender of their Charters, and report the sums so received, and time when the surrender was made, to the next Annual Grand Communication.

3d. And with respect to Union, Blazing Star, Pisgah, Posey, Jennings, Bloomington, Lafayette and Charity Lodges your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit to Union Lodge, No. 2; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3; Pisgah Lodge, No. 5; Posey Lodge, No. 9; Jennings Lodge, No. 17; Bloomington Lodge, No. 22; Lafayette Lodge, No. 28, and Charity Lodge, No. 30, a statement of the amount of their respective dues, as soon as practicable, informing them that unless the same is paid or satisfied on or before the first day of the next Annual Grand Communication, their Charters will be arrested, unless good cause be shown to the contrary.

Resolved, That if any of said Lodges offer to pay up their dues to the Grand Lodge, and surrender their Charters and furniture for the use of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to receive the surrender, upon the payment of the dues as above.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that no subordinate Lodge can make a conditional surrender of its Charter; and that if it wishes to dispose of its personal property over and above what its dues to the Grand Lodge may amount to, it must be done before its Charter is surrendered; as upon the surrender, their tools, jewels, furniture, books and papers are forfeited, of right, to the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That any subordinate Lodge, whether in arrears or otherwise, is authorized and empowered to voluntarily surrender its Charter to this Grand Lodge, or to the Grand Secretary thereof in vacation, with or without payment of its arrears; and that the Grand Secretary is required to receive the same, and take possession of the jewels and other personal property belonging to such subordinate Lodge at the time of such surrender, provided an inventory thereof (if any) is transmitted at the same time, to the Grand Secretary or Grand Lodge as the case may be.

Brother *Gregg*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Warren Lodge,—also the petitions of Benjamin Cushman

and several members of Wayne Lodge,—submitted the following reports, which were agreed to, and the resolutions adopted:

First.—Your committee view the regulation made by this Grand Lodge to be a salutary one, which requires fifteen dollars for the first three degrees and the whole sum to be paid in advance. They have seen numberless instances, where persons have been entered only, and remained so for years. And as a further evidence, the Lodges were in arrears to this Grand Lodge, which is full proof that many of the subordinate Lodges have pursued a loose practice with regard to the admission of members, and enforcing the payment of dues. As one of the essential benefits to be derived from Freemasonry is to equalize the burdens and relieve the distresses of the unfortunate, and this can not be done without punctuality on the part of those who compose the Lodge. If a worthy and deserving object should offer, who is unable to pay the fees, the Lodge has the power to admit him *gratis*, if the Society is to be benefitted by it. And in our country, where all the conveniences of life are so plenty, and wages high, there are but few men, who have an ardent desire to do good and render service to their fellow men, but what certainly can raise the sum required. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient, at this time, to make any alteration of the admission fees into subordinate Lodges.

Second.—The committee have also had under consideration the petition of Benjamin Cushman, late of Wayne Lodge, and the petition of several Brethren of said Lodge; and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Wayne Lodge, No. 25, is hereby fully empowered to enter into a re-investigation of the case of the said Benjamin Cushman, heretofore expelled by said Lodge; that they may either affirm the expulsion, or restore the said Cushman, as they see proper; *Provided, however*, that it shall be the duty of the Master of said Lodge to set a time when said re-investigation shall take place, and cause the members of said Lodge to be summoned to attend at said trial or re-investigation.

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, the sum of six dollars was appropriated to pay the subscription for two copies of the *Masonic Mirror*, printed at Rochester, New York; and the Grand Secretary was directed to subscribe for one copy of the *American Masonic Record*, a paper published at Albany, in said State, for the use of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Johnston* presented the following amendments to the Grand Constitution, which being read, were entered on the minutes and ordered to lie over until the next Annual Grand Communication;

That the word "shall," in the third and sixth lines of the 20th Section of the present Grand Constitution be stricken out, and the word *may* inserted in lieu thereof.

That the 25th Section be amended, by adding the words *and paid*, after the word "with," in the last line.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

A Lodge of Past Masters was then opened.—M. W., Abel C. Pepper, G. M., presiding.

Brother Lionel James Larkin was then duly introduced and installed as Worshipful Master of Philanthropic Lodge, No. 36.

No further business appearing, the Past Masters' Lodge was closed.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment,.—M. W., ABEL C. PEPPER. G. M., presiding.

Brother Isaac Howk, P. G. M., entered and took his seat.

Brother *Lanier* presented the credentials of the representative from Washington Lodge, No. 13, which were read and referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials. Whereupon, Brother *Morrison*, from the said committee, reported,—that Brother J. F. D. Lanier is the *proxy* for said Washington Lodge; which report was agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Morrison*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter no Grand Officer be required to give security for the performance of his official duties.

Resolved, That the amount due from the estate of Brother Wm. H. Lilly, late Grand Treasurer, be considered as lost to the Grand Lodge,—his estate being deemed insolvent; and that no proceedings be instituted on his bonds.

Resolved, That Brother Wm. C. Keen, late Grand Secretary, be cited to appear before this Grand Lodge at the next Annual Grand Communication, to show cause why he does not account with and pay over to the present Grand Secretary, the amount with which he is chargeable; and further, to do and receive whatsoever may be then and there adjudged of him, should he in the mean time neglect or refuse to discharge his arrearages.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary furnish Brother Keen with a copy of this resolution.

On motion of Brother *Todd*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, at its present session, elect a Grand Lecturer, who shall not be entitled to any salary, but shall be invested with all necessary powers, and shall hold his office until the next Annual Grand Communication; whose duty it shall be, at the request of any subordinate Lodge, to visit and lecture the same; and shall be paid one dollar and twenty-five cents for each day so employed, by the Lodge requiring his services.

Brother *Todd*, from the committee to whom was referred the resolution refunding fifty-four dollars to Tipton Lodge, and donating sixty dollars to certain other Lodges, made the following report, which was agreed to, and the resolutions adopted:

The Committee deem it inexpedient, as well as improper, to pass any general order on the subject, but are of opinion that the Grand Lodge ought to grant assistance to such Lodges as have been at great expense in erecting Halls. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty-four dollars be refunded to Tipton Lodge, No. 34,—the amount paid by said Lodge into the treasury of the Grand Lodge at its present session; the above amount to be applied to finishing the Masonic Hall, now erected in Logansport.

Resolved, That a credit of sixty dollars be allowed to Union Lodge, No. 2, to go in satisfaction of any debt that said Lodge may owe to the Grand Lodge, in consequence of said Lodge having become in debt on account of having been at great expense in erecting a spacious Hall at Madison.

Resolved, That the like credit be allowed to Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, at Charlestown, for the same reason, And that the same credit be allowed to Wayne Lodge, No. 25, for the same reason.

Resolved, further, That the sum of thirty dollars be allowed to Harmony Lodge, No, 11, and Philanthropic Lodge, No. 36, each, for the same reasons; *Provided*, that

the said Lodges respectively shall be bound to repay the said sums respectively to the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, when called on to do so, for the purpose of enabling the Grand Lodge to erect a Hall for the use thereof; in which event, the said sums shall be considered as a loan only without interest.

Brother *Parker* presented the following amendment to the Grand Constitution, which being read, was entered on the minutes and ordered to lie over, until the next Annual Grand Communication:

That the 4th Section, as lately printed, be amended, by striking out from the word "votes," in the second line, to and including the word "one," in the fourth line from the top of the second page, and inserting the following, to-wit: *Each Grand Officer having one vote, excepting the Tyler, who shall be entitled to vote for Grand Officers only, Past Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master one, other Past Grand Officers collectively one, Past Masters collectively one.*

The Grand Lodge then went into the election of a Grand Lecturer, in pursuance of a resolution this day adopted; and on counting the ballots, it appeared that Brother William Sheets was duly elected.

On motion of Brother *Gregg*, Brother Jordan Vigus, Grand Tyler *pro tem.* was allowed the sum of twenty dollars for his services as such, during the present Grand Communication.

On motion of Brother *Noble*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns at the close of the present session, it will adjourn to meet on the first Monday in October next.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock. ABEL C. PEPPER, *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

SATURDAY, December 5, 1829.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M.—M. W., ABEL C. PEPPER, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Lanier* presented the credentials of the representatives from Blazing Star and Scott Lodges, which were read and referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials. Whereupon, Brother *Morrison*, from the said committee, reported,—that Brother James Morrison is the representative from Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, and J. F. D. Lanier, from Scott Lodge, No. 12; which report was agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Sheets*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the present officers of Solomons Lodge, No. 27, be authorized, without an order of said Lodge, to make a settlement of the affairs of said Lodge, generally, and the settlement with the Grand Secretary as contemplated by a resolution of this Grand Lodge on that subject.

On motion of Brother *Tipton*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary procure one hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Communication to be printed; and that he cause to be appended at the end of said Proceedings, the Grand Constitution and Rules of Order as adopted in 1820, and as reprinted by order of the last Grand Lodge.

Resolved, further, That he forward one copy thereof to each of the Grand Officers, three copies to each subordinate Lodge, and one copy to each Grand Lodge in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Brothers G. W. Johnston, William Sheets, John Tipton and Harvey Gregg to act with him as Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was adjourned, to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of INDIANAPOLIS, on the first Monday in October, A. L. 5830, A. D. 1830.

ABEL C. PEPPER, *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,
OCTOBER 4, (AND ADJOURNED TO DEC. 1,) A. D. 1830, A. L. 5830.

M. W., PHILIP MASON, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on Monday, the fourth day of October, A. L. 5830, A. D. 1830.—Present,

M. W., ABEL C. PEPPER, Grand Master.
W., JAMES MORRISON, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" HIRAM A. HUNTER, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" HARVEY GREGG, Grand Treasurer.
" JAMES F. D. LANIER, Grand Secretary.
" DAVID WARE, Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
" C. C. SPENCER, Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
" SAMUEL S. ROOKER, Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, James F. D. Lanier, (*proxy*); Union Lodge, No. 2, James F. D. Lanier; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, James Morrison; Salem Lodge, No. 21, David Ware; Center Lodge, No. 23, B. F. Morris; Hamilton Lodge, No. 33, Samuel S. Rooker.

The Grand Lodge was then opened, in ancient form, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

On motion of Brother *Lanier*, the Dispensation heretofore granted to a number of Brethren, to hold a Lodge at the mouth of Bull creek, in Clark county, was continued until the first Wednesday in December next.

On motion of Brother *Gregg*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary give notice to each of the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, that the present Grand Communication, when it adjourns, will adjourn to meet at the town of Indianapolis, on Wednesday, the first day of December next.

Resolved, That each subordinate Lodge be, and they are hereby directed and required to send representatives, or *proxies*, to the adjourned meeting of this Grand Lodge; that, in default thereof, the provisions of the Grand Constitution will be enforced against those Lodges that have not been represented for two years.

Resolved, That this communication be laid before each Lodge, in time for them to appoint representatives or *proxies* to attend said adjourned meeting.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of INDIANAPOLIS, on Wednesday, the first day of December next. ABEL C. PEPPER, *G. Master.*

Attest:—J. F. D. LANIER, *G. Sec'y.*

(ADJOURNED SESSION.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1830.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

M. W., CHARLES I. HAND, P J. G. W., Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W., JOHN B. MARTIN, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" JAMES MORRISON, Junior Grand Warden.
" WILLIAM M. PURDY, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM SHEETS, Grand Secretary, *by deputation.*
" FRANCIS B. COGSWELL, Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
" JOSEPH WATSON, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM W. WICK, Grand Orator.
" THOMAS C. STEWART, Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
" AUSTIN W. MORRIS, Grand Steward and Tyler, *pro tem.*

Past Grand Officers.—Charles I. Hand and Austin W. Morris.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, John B. Martin; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, James Morrison; Hiram Lodge, No. 18, Wm. M. Purdy; Clay Lodge, No. 29, Thomas C. Stewart; Charity Lodge, No. 30, Thomas C. Stewart, (*proxy*); Hamilton Lodge, No. 32, Francis B. Cogswell; Liberty Lodge, No. 35, Joseph Watson; Philanthropic Lodge, No. 36, Richard Daniel; Perry Lodge, (U. D.), Andrew W. Ingraham.

Visitor.—John Milroy.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in ancient form, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatives aforesaid presented the Returns of their several Lodges and their credentials as representatives; which were referred to a committee on Returns and Credentials, consisting of Brothers Morrison and Daniel.

The Grand Master then appointed the following standing committees:

On Accounts.—Brothers MARTIN, DANIEL and PURDY.
On Grievances.—Brothers STEWART, INGRAHAM and COGSWELL.
On Charters and Dispensations.—Brothers MARTIN, PURDY and STEWART.
On Unfinished Business.—Brothers SHEETS and MORRISON.
On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers MORRISON, DANIEL and WICK.
On Returns and Credentials.—Brothers MORRISON and DANIEL.
To examine attendant and visiting Brethren.—Brothers WATSON and WICK.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. CHARLES I. HAND, *G. M., pro tem.*

Attest:—WM. SHEETS, *G. Sec'y, pro tem.*

THURSDAY, December 2, 1830.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at ten o'clock, A. M.—W., PHILIP MASON, J. G. W., presiding.

Brothers Samuel P. Mooney, from Washington Lodge, No. 13; Philip Mason, Warren Lodge, No. 15, and John Walker, Lafayette Lodge No. 28, produced the Returns of their several Lodges, and their credentials as representatives; which were referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials.

Brother *Morrison*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee have examined the Returns and credentials referred to them, and find the following Brethren are the representatives from subordinate Lodges:

John B. Martin, from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; Samuel P. Mooney, Washington Lodge, No. 13; Philip Mason (W. M.), Warren Lodge, No. 15; Basil Brown, Clinton Lodge, No. 16; Wm. M. Purdy, Hiram Lodge, No. 18; John Walker, Lafayette Lodge, No. 22; Thomas C. Stewart, Clay Lodge, No. 29; Thomas C. Stewart, (*proxy*), Charity Lodge, No. 30; F. B. Cogswell, (S. W.), Hamilton Lodge, No. 32; Joseph Watson, Liberty Lodge, No. 35; Richard Daniel, Philanthropic Lodge, No. 36.

Your committee would state, that they understand that the Grand Secretary has a written authority from Blazing Star Lodge, for Brother James Morrison, to act as their representative; and your committee would further state, that they are satisfied that Brother Andrew W. Ingraham is the representative from Perry Lodge, (U. D.), held at Lafayette; but that he has no written evidence of his appointment. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother James Morrison be recognized as the representative from Blazing Star Lodge, No 3, and Brother Andrew W. Ingraham, as the representative from Perry Lodge, (U. D.).

Brother *Sheets*, Grand Secretary, presented sundry communications, on the subject of grievances, which were referred to the committee on Grievances. Also, sundry foreign communications, which were referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of Brother *Wick*, the committee on Charters and Dispensations were instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a Charter to Perry Lodge, (U. D.), at Lafayette.

On motion of Brother *Wick*, the following preamble and resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, It appears that Perry Lodge has necessarily expended, in maintaining through a lingering illness, a deceased Brother, near the sum of ninety dollars; and whereas, an expenditure of that amount is inconvenient to that Lodge at this time, when they are meeting the expenses necessary to their organization: Therefore,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed, to report the facts touching said expenditure, and inquire into the expediency of appropriating a part of said sum, out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, with a view to meet the future demands of said Lodge.

Whereupon, the M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Wick, Martin and Hand that committee.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, J. G. W., presiding.

Brother *Morrison*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have examined the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Missouri, for 1829; and of Maine, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Maryland, Louisiana, and New York, for 1830; and find nothing in any of them which, in their opinion, requires the particular attention of this Grand Lodge.

The signatures of the officers of the Grand Lodges of Louisiana, Kentucky, Mississippi and Alabama have been also received.

The several Grand Lodges seem to be in the most friendly correspondence with each other, and all appear to be laudably engaged in sustaining the vital principles of the Order.

Brother *Martin*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the resolution relative to Perry Lodge, presented the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Although your committee regret that said Lodge had not furnished a regular transcript from the records of the Lodge, by which correct judgment could have been formed of their workings, yet your committee have become satisfied with regard to these particulars, and are of opinion that it is expedient that a Charter be granted said Lodge. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted Perry Lodge, (U. D.), by the name of *Perry Lodge*, No. 37; and that ISAAC EDWARDS be the first Worshipful Master thereof, *William Bush*, the Senior Warden, and *John Taylor* the Junior Warden.

On motion of Brother *Wick*, the Grand Lodge resolved, that its members will dine together on to-morrow afternoon, at four o'clock; visiting Brethren were invited to attend; and Brothers Wick and Hand were appointed a committee to carry this resolution into effect.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. M., pro tem.*

Attest:—WM. SHEETS, *G. Sec'y, pro tem.*

FRIDAY, December 3, 1830.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock A. M.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, J. G. W., presiding.

The Grand Secretary presented a copy of the proceedings of Jerusalem Lodge, (U. D.), which was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge, a communication signed by himself as J. G. W., informing the Grand Lodge that he had, agreeably to an order from the M. W. Grand Master, installed the officers of Liberty Lodge, No. 35, at their Hall in the town of Liberty, Union county.

Brother *Wick*, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of making an appropriation in favor of Perry Lodge, on account of money expended by that Lodge in maintaining a deceased Brother in his last illness, presented the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have examined the subject referred to them, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution;

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-six dollars be allowed to Perry Lodge, in discharge of said claim,—the sum being the amount due from said Lodge for their Charter.

Brother *Wick*, from the committee appointed to carry into effect the resolution adopted yesterday, on the subject of the members of the Grand Lodge dining together on this day, at four o'clock, P. M., reported,—that they have, after consultation with the members of the Grand Lodge, made arrangements with Brother B. Brown, of this town, to prepare the dinner, pursuant to said resolution; which report was concurred in.

The Grand Lodge then went into the election of Grand Officers, for the ensuing twelve months. Brothers Morrison and Martin having been appointed tellers, and on counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected, to-wit:

M. W., Philip Mason (of Connersville), Grand Master.
R. W., William Sheets (of Madison), Deputy Grand Master.
W., John B. Martin (of Vincennes), Senior Grand Warden.
" William M. Purdy (of Carlisle), Junior Grand Warden.
" John Walker (of Shelbyville), Grand Treasurer.
" Austin W. Morris (of Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.
" Andrew W. Ingraham (of Fairfield), Senior Grand Deacon.
" Samuel P. Mooney (of Brownstown), Junior Grand Deacon.
" Hiram A. Hunter (of Washington), Grand Chaplain.
" Richard Daniel (of Mount Vernon), Grand Orator.
" Thomas C. Stewart (of Petersburgh), Grand Marshal.
" Charles I. Hand (of Indianapolis), Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis B. Cogswell (of Noblesville), Grand Pursuivant.
" Joseph Watson (of Liberty), Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded, according to the requisition of the Grand Constitution, to select, by ballot, a site for the Grand Lodge for the ensuing twelve months; and on counting the ballots, it appeared that Vincennes was duly selected.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, J. G. W., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Watson*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a credit of thirty-six dollars be allowed Liberty Lodge, No. 35, to go in satisfaction of any debts that said Lodge may now owe to the Grand Lodge, in consequence of said Lodge having become indebted, on account of having been at considerable expense in finishing a room in Liberty, for the use of said Lodge: *Provided*, the said Lodge shall be bound to repay the same to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, when called on to do so, for the purpose of enabling the Grand Lodge to erect a Hall for the use thereof; in which event, the sum shall be considered as a loan only, without interest.

On motion, Brothers Walker, Wick and Daniel were appointed a committee to receive proposals for printing the Proceedings of the present Grand Communication.

Brother *Martin*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, presented the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the proceedings of Jerusalem Lodge, (U. D.), and find them correct, generally. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to Jerusalem Lodge, (U. D.), by the name of *Jerusalem Lodge*, No. 38; and that C. C. SPENCER be the first Worshipful Master thereof, *Noah Johnson*, the Senior Warden, and *William Bullock*, the Junior Warden.

On motion of Brother *Walker*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, on the payment of thirty-five dollars by Lafayette Lodge, No. 28, to the Grand Secretary, at this Grand Communication, he be authorized to give said Lodge a receipt in full, up to this date.

On motion of Brother *Hand*, the Grand Lodge resolved to go into the installation of its officers, to-morrow morning, at half past nine o'clock.

On motion of Brother *Wick* the committee on Unfinished Business were discharged from the performance of said duty, and the unfinished business of the last Grand Communication, including the proposed amendments to the Grand Constitution, postponed until the next Grand Communication.

Brother *Stewart*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom were referred sundry communications in regard to Philanthropic Lodge, No. 36, reported,—that, on examination and inquiry, they find that the subject matter of said communications has been adjusted, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; which request was granted.

Brother *Purdy* offered the following resolution, which on motion of Brother Sheets, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is improper for subordinate Lodges to receive Notes from applicants, for initiating, passing or raising, or for the admittance of members, or extending credits to such persons in any way.

On motion of Brother *Sheets*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge shall adjourn its present session, it will do so to meet on the second Monday in October, 1831.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. M., pro tem.*

Attest:—WM. SHEETS, *G. Sec'y, pro tem.*

SATURDAY, December 4, 1830.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, J. G. W., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Ingraham*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of ten dollars be allowed to Brother Hiram M. Curry, of Tippecanoe county, an indigent Brother, for his relief, out of the Grand Charity Fund; and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the same out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated; and that Brother Andrew W. Ingraham be authorized to draw and receipt for the same.

On motion of Brother *Cook*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a credit of sixty-four dollars and fifty cents be allowed to Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, on the books of the Grand Secretary, to go in satisfaction of any debt said Lodge may owe the Grand Lodge: *Provided*, said Lodge erect a Masonic Hall, in the course of two years: *Provided, also*, that the said Lodge shall be bound to pay the said amount to the Grand Lodge, whenever called on to do so for the purpose of enabling the Grand Lodge to erect a Grand Masonic Hall; in which event, the said sum shall be considered as a loan only, without interest.

Brother *Wick*, from the committee appointed to receive proposals for printing the Proceedings of the present Grand Communication, made the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee have received proposals from A. F. Morrison, of Indianapolis,—at 32¾ cents per thousand ems; 32¾ cents per token; and $4 25 per ream for paper (best quality); the work to be done in a neat and workmanlike manner. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Mr. Morrison be employed to print the Proceedings of the present Grand Communication, at the rates proposed; and that the Grand Secretary furnish him a copy thereof, for that purpose.

Brother *Martin*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was concurred in:

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, your committee have been unable to get the books and papers, by which a satisfactory report could have been made. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary and Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby required to make a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements of the funds of this Grand Lodge. Also, the amount due from each subordinate Lodge, up to the last day of the present session, inclusive, with a statement of the length of time said Lodges have been in arrears, and when last represented. Said report to be made on the first day of the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Stewart*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the communication from Samuel Downing, made the following report, which was concurred in:

Your committee have examined the communication of Brother Samuel Downing, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Dispensation issue to Samuel Downing, Gideon B. Hart, John C. Hubbard, William Herrod and Philip Sweetzer, Master Masons, resident at or near Columbus, Bartholomew county, in ancient form as a Lodge, by the name of *Saint John's Lodge*, (U. D.); and that SAMUEL DOWNING be the first Worshipful Master thereof, *Gideon B. Hart*, the Senior Warden, and *John C. Hubbard*, the Junior Warden. And that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue the same, on payment of the fee.

Brother Isaac Howk, P. G. M., entered and took his seat.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect. Whereupon, after all the Brethren present, below the degree of Past Master, had retired, a Lodge of Past Masters was opened in ancient form—M. W., ISAAC HOWK, P. G. M., presiding.

Brother Philip Mason was duly installed the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and William Sheets, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, for the ensuing twelve months.

The Past Masters' Lodge was then duly closed, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to labor as before.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

The other Grand Officers elect were then duly installed by the Grand Master.

The sum of ten dollars was allowed Brother A. W. Morris, for Tyling and money expended for the use of the Grand Lodge during the present Grand Communication.

On motion of Brother *Martin*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary procure one hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Communication to be printed; and that he cause to be appended, at the end of said Proceedings, the Grand Constitution, and the Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, further, That he forward one copy thereof to each of the Grand Officers, three copies to each subordinate Lodge, and one copy to each foreign Grand Lodge in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Purdy*, the resolution offered yesterday by him, on the subject of subordinate Lodges giving credit for initiation fees, was taken up and adopted.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Brothers Wm. Sheets, John B. Martin, A. W. Ingraham and C. I. Hand, to act with him as Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

Nothing further appearing, the Grand Lodge was then duly closed, to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of VINCENNES, on the second Monday in October, A. L. 5831, A. D. 1831.

PHILIP MASON, *Grand Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, the officers of not less than five subordinate chartered Lodges and representatives from said Lodges; which Lodges are permitted to appoint *proxies*, who must be Master Masons and members of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, which appointment must be certified by the Secretary of said Lodge, with its seal annexed.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be, and rank as follows:

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
WORSHIPFUL SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,
WORSHIPFUL JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN,
MOST REVEREND GRAND CHAPLAIN,
GRAND ORATOR,
GRAND SECRETARY,
GRAND TREASURER,
GRAND MARSHAL,
GRAND SWORD BEARER,
SENIOR GRAND DEACON,
JUNIOR GRAND DEACON,
GRAND PURSUIVANT,
GRAND STEWARD,
GRAND TYLER.

Who shall be elected by written ballots, to be collected by the Senior Grand Deacon from among the working members of the subordinate Lodges: *Provided*, that no member be thereby raised to a degree higher than he may have attained in his proper Lodge, and who shall be duly installed. No officer elect, shall act as such, until after installation.

SEC. 3. That the election of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, shall take place on the third day of the session, and at no other time; and immediately after such election, the Grand Lodge shall fix upon its site for the ensuing year by ballot.

SEC. 4. Elections and all matters of controversy shall be determined by a majority of votes: the Grand Master or officer presiding having one vote (and in case of equal division, two)—the Deputy Grand Master, one; but

in case of the absence or declining to vote of either of the Grand Wardens, the power of voting shall devolve upon the other Grand Warden—the Grand Wardens, jointly one—the Past Grand Officers and Past Masters, collectively, one—and each Lodge represented, one—but no Brother can vote in a double capacity; nor shall any Brother be entitled to more than two votes in any capacity whatsoever, except such cases as are already provided for by the Grand Constitution; and all Grand Officers, whether created by resolution or this Constitution, shall have a right to vote on questions of order and propriety.

Sec. 5. The votes shall be taken as the voters are called by the Grand Secretary, who shall observe rank and seniority, commencing with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and, if any irregularity transpires, the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall order a new election; and, if any member is convicted of wilfully creating such irregularity he shall be forever suspended from his seat in the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 6. The Grand Lodge shall have power at each session, to fix the time of its next meeting, when the members shall punctually attend, and the Lodge shall be opened with all Masonic solemnity; and after the proceedings of the last Grand Communication have been read, the following committees shall be appointed, and shall continue for the several special purposes only during the session of the Grand Lodge, to-wit: 1st, a committee of three members, deputies from three different subordinate Lodges, to examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and receipts of the Grand Charity Fund, and report a statement thereof; and also ascertain the expenses of the Grand Communication. 2d, a committee of three members to hear and examine into grievances, and make due report thereof to the Grand Lodge. 3d, a committee of two members to examine attendant and visiting Brethren, admitting none but of the Master Masons' degree. 4th, a committee of two members to inspect the working of Lodges under Dispensation. 5th, a committee of two members on unfinished business. 6th, a committee of three members on foreign communications.

Sec. 7. The Grand Lodge shall receive appeals, redress grievances, and settle complaints of the subordinate Lodges; grant warrants; authorize new Lodges to work; reprehend malconduct in the subordinate Lodges or their members; relieve distressed Brethren, their widows and children; assess reasonable contributions for the Charity Fund or other exigencies; devise and design plans, problems and positions for the subordinate Lodges to execute; and hold such correspondence with other Grand Lodges, as they shall deem expedient to advance the good of the Fraternity.

Sec. 8. During the vacation of the Grand Lodge, every Grand Officer, in proportion to his superiority, shall have special care of the subordinate Lodges; directing their plans, problems and positions to be executed,

agreeably to the ancient landmarks, usages and customs of the sublime Order of Free and Accepted Masonry.

SEC. 9. The Most Worshipful Grand Master has the power to convene the Grand Lodge on emergency; to command the advice and assistance, at any time, of any or all the subordinate officers, on the business of the Craft. and in case of vacancy, by death or refusal to serve, in Grand Offices, to nominate, appoint and install other Brethren to fill such vacancies; and during the recess of the Grand Lodge, to grant Dispensations at his discretion; but the Most Worshipful Grand Master can not make or second a motion.

SEC. 10. In the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master is invested with his powers and privileges, and liable to like disability; and in case of the death or refusal to serve or instal, during the period for which he was elected, the powers and privileges of the Grand Master shall devolve upon and become the right of the following Brethren, in order, as follows: 1st, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master; 2d, the Worshipful Senior Grand Warden; 3d, the Worshipful Junior Grand Warden; 4th, the Past Grand Officers, according to rank and seniority; 5th, the presiding Masters of subordinate Lodges, according to rank; 6th, the Past Masters, according to rank and seniority.

SEC. 11. The Most Worshipful Grand Master must install his Deputy; but may deputize to instal the other Grand Officers and any officer of a subordinate Lodge.

SEC. 12. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, or president *pro tem.*, shall sign the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, when properly prepared and read by the Grand Secretary and agreed to by a majority of the Brethren present.

SEC. 13. The Most Reverend Grand Chaplain shall say prayers at the opening and closing of every Grand Lodge, and shall prepare and preach suitable sermons, on such occasions as shall be directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

SEC. 14. The Grand Secretary shall keep a fair, true and regular registry in proper books, of all the proceedings at the Grand Lodge, which, after they have been duly ratified and signed, he shall file among the records of the Grand Lodge; he shall also authenticate all warrants, certificates and other instruments, by affixing the seal of the Grand Lodge, and attesting by his signature; he shall keep all the books, records, papers, seal, etc., the property of the Grand Lodge, and shall deliver them up on their requisition; he shall attend personally or by his agent, who must be a member of the Grand Lodge, with his books and papers, etc., on every assembly; he shall procure all the books and stationery for the Grand Lodge—draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount, who is hereby

authorized to answer such draft; he shall be entitled to the following fees, as compensation for services: 1st, he shall be paid, by the Grand Lodge, six and a fourth cents for every hundred words, which is actually and necessarily written for their use, and by their directions; 2d, he shall be paid by parties employing him for copying from the records, files and proceedings of the Grand Lodge or other writings, ten cents for every hundred words, he finding for that purpose his own stationery; 3d, he shall be paid by those employing him, one dollar for affixing his seal of office to any instrument of writing whatever, except it be for a Warrant or Dispensation; but the Grand Secretary shall not be entitled to a fee for affixing his seal of office to any instrument of writing or record for the use of the Grand Lodge, such as particular summonses, copies of proceedings sent to foreign Grand Lodges, etc.

Sec. 15. The Grand Secretary shall always, so far as he is possessed of the proper documents, have his books completed and ready to produce to every Grand Communication.

Sec. 16. The Grand Treasurer shall account to the Grand Lodge for all moneys received by him; nor shall he pay out any moneys without the order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, or of the Grand Charity Stewards, except as already provided; and shall, on the first day of each Communication, lay a statement of his accounts before the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 17. Any Grand Officer withdrawing himself during his appointment as such, from the subordinate Lodge to which he belonged at the time of his election, shall vacate his seat in the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 18. The Grand Charity Fund shall be subject to such applications, as the Grand Lodge or the Grand Charity Stewards may direct.

Sec. 19. Four Brothers, members of the Grand Lodge, together with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, duly elected, shall be the Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund; three of whom shall constitute a quorum. Their duty shall be, to superintend and apply all the said funds of the Grand Lodge with care and economy, and they are authorized to draw orders on the Grand Treasurer; to make report, in writing, to the Grand Lodge, during the last twelve months, and solicit the advice of the Grand Lodge in cases of doubt and intricacy.

Sec. 20. Subordinate Lodges, which shall not be represented for two successive Grand Communications, or who shall be in arrears to the Grand Lodge for two years, shall be suspended from all the privileges of the Order, until they shall comply with both these requisitions; and upon an order from the Grand Lodge to that effect, at a time to be specified therein, shall be finally stricken off the list of Lodges and have their Charter withdrawn—due notice of which order to be communicated to them by the Grand Secretary for the time being.

Sec. 21. Every subordinate Lodge shall hereafter be accountable for,

and is hereby directed to pay the Grand Treasurer, on account of the Grand Lodge, every twelve months, for each Mason initiated during the preceding twelve months, one dollar—and for every member of each subordinate Lodge, fifty cents.

SEC. 22. No subordinate Lodge shall confer the degree of Past Master, unless on those who have been elected to fill the Chair; and no Past Master, who may have taken that degree only as preparatory to higher degrees, shall be considered a member of this Lodge by virtue thereof.

SEC. 23. Every association of Masons, who may be hereafter permitted to receive a Charter to authorize them to work as a regular Lodge of Masons, shall for the same, pay into the Grand Charity Fund, thirty dollars, before said Charter is issued, and a fee to the Grand Secretary for engrossing and affixing the seal of office, parchment and recording, of six dollars; and every association of Masons, who may be permitted to receive a Dispensation to work as a Lodge of Masons, shall pay into the Grand Charity Fund, five dollars, and three dollars to the Grand Secretary: *Provided, however*, that this Article shall not apply to any Lodge which may now surrender or hereafter may surrender their Charters, held of other Grand Lodges to this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, for the purpose of being subordinate thereto.

SEC. 24. Every member of the Grand Lodge, and every member of subordinate Lodges shall pay due respect and submission to the respective officers and Masons—to live in peace, harmony and love with all mankind—to despise hatred, malice and calumny—to practice universal charity and benevolence—to avoid as much as possible, all law suits—to submit all differences, except such as relate to real and personal property, to be reconciled by the several Lodges to which they belong, or by the Grand Lodge; and every Freemason is always enjoined to avoid addressing a Brother or cowen as a Mason unless in open Lodge, under the penalty of a severe reprimand.

SEC. 25. That no Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to a vote in its deliberations until their accounts are settled with the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 26. That it shall not be the duty of the Grand Tyler to furnish any refreshments at each Communication of the Grand Lodge, unless otherwise ordered by the same.

SEC. 27. The Grand Secretary shall not have published in newspapers the names of persons returned as suspended by subordinate Lodges.

SEC. 28. No By-Law shall be altered, annulled or adopted, until a proposition shall have been introduced in open Lodge, seconded and remained over one whole vacation.

☞ The RULES OF ORDER will be found on pages 64–5–6, of this Edition.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT VINCENNES, IND., OCT. 10, A. L. 5831, A. D. 1831.

M. W., WILLIAM SHEETS, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Vincennes, on Monday, the tenth day of October, A. L. 5831, A. D. 1831.—Present,

R. W., WILLIAM SHEETS, D. G. M., Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W., JOHN B. MARTIN, Senior Grand Warden.
" JOHN TIPTON, P. G. M., Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
AUSTIN W. MORRIS, Grand Secretary.
JOHN W. DAVIS, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
ONATUS D. CHAFEE, Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
RICHARD P. PRICE, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
ELIHU STOUT, P. G. M., Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
JOSEPH ROSEMAN, Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

Past Grand Officers.—John Tipton, Elihu Stout and John W. Davis.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Richard P. Price and Nathaniel Hamet; Union Lodge, No. 2, William Sheets; Clinton Lodge, No. 16, Onatus D. Chafee; Jefferson Lodge, No. 31, Daniel Kelso; Western Star Lodge, No. 32, Austin W. Morris; Hamilton Lodge, No. 33, John Tipton; Philanthropic Lodge, No. 36, John Knight.

Visitors.—Henry M. Shaw, Wm. McIntosh and J. K. Kurtz.

The Grand Lodge was opened with prayer by Brother Shaw, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatives aforesaid presented the Returns of their several Lodges, and their credentials as representatives; which were referred to a committee on Returns and Credentials, consisting of Brothers Martin and Kelso.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—R. W., WILLIAM SHEETS, D. G. M., presiding.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Accounts.—Brothers TIPTON, MARTIN and KNIGHT.

On Grievances.—Brothers DAVIS, CHAFEE and STOUT.

On Charters and Dispensations.—Brothers KELSO, KNIGHT and DAVIS.

On Unfinished Business.—Brothers MORRIS and CHAFEE.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers TIPTON and KNIGHT.

On Returns and Credentials.—Brothers MARTIN and KELSO.

To examine attendant and visiting Brethren.—Brothers MARTIN and TIPTON.

The M. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge the following report, which was read, and on motion of Brother Tipton, referred to the committee on Accounts:

Receipts and disbursements of the funds of the Grand Lodge, by the late Grand Secretary, from the first day of the Grand Communication in 1829, to the 4th of December, 1830, to-wit:

Debtor.—Amount due Gr. Sec'y, as per settlement with Gr. Lodge, 1829,...	$ 30 45
Cash paid Grand Treasurer,	77 50
Expenses to New Albany, by order of Grand Lodge,	6 00
Cash paid out, as per report,	3 00
Cash paid for transporting trunk of papers, etc., from Madison to Indianap's,	2 00
Cash paid for one year's subscription and postage for Craftsman (two copies),	8 00
Cash paid postage on letters and pamphlets,	5 25
Stationery,	5 50
Cash paid W. Sheets, for paper,	8 00
Am't due Gr. Sec'y for services, to first day of present session (last inclusive),	70 00
Services as Secretary at October session of Grand Lodge, 1830, and up to the day Brother Morris commenced his services, (fourth day of last session),...	30 00
Paid for Craftsman, second year, two copies and postage,	8 00
Paid Arion & Lodge, for printing Proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1829,	44 50
Expenses to Vevay, on business of the Grand Lodge,	4 00
Cash paid Robert Jones,	6 50
Cash paid Arion & Lodge,	3 25
Cash paid A. W. Morris, Grand Secretary,	117 00
	$429 95
Credit.—By amount received, as per account inclosed,	448 43
Amount due from J. F. D. Lanier, for which he will account to Gr. Sec'y,....	$ 18 48

Brother Lanier holds in his hands (subject to the order of the Grand Lodge) several good claims, assigned him by Scott Lodge, which when collected are to be applied in payment of dues.

Brother *Davis* offered for adoption the following resolution, which, on motion of Brother Martin, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to inquire on what terms a lot may be had in the town of ....., for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Hall for the use of this Grand Lodge; and that they make a report thereof at the next Annual Grand Communication.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was referred to the committee on Accounts:

The Grand Secretary presents the following statement, showing the amount due from each Lodge—how long the same has been due—and how long the same has been unrepresented—and for what years no Returns have been made:

LODGES.	Number.	1829. Balance due in 1828, as per Grand Secretary's report.	1829. Due from Lodges, for 1829, as per Return.	1829. Amount paid in 1829.	1829. Balance due for 1829.	1830. Amount due for 1830.	1830. Amount paid in 1830.	1830. Balance due for 1830.	1830. Amount loaned or donated in 1829.	1830. Amount loaned or donated in 1830.	1830. Total amount due to Grand Lodge.
Vincennes,	1	.....	11.50	11.50	.....	6.00	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union,	2	45.50	9.00	.....	.....	...*...	.....	.....	†60.00	.....	.....
Blazing Star,	3	49.00	16.50	4.50	.....	...*...	.....	.....	†60.00	.....	.....
Lawrenceburg,	4	36.50	16.50	6.00	10.50	16.00	.....	.....	.....	†64.00	.....
Pisgah,[1]	5	16.50	...*...	3.00	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.50
Rising Sun,	6	37.00	11.50	20.00	.....	12.00	.....	12.00	.....	.....	40.50
Vevay,[2]	7	71.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71.00
Zif,[2]	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Posey,[3]	9	.....	...*...	.....	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch,[3]	10	.....	8.50	6.00	2.50	...*...	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50
Harmony,[4]	11	15.00	.....	.....	.....	...*...	.....	.....	‡30.00	.....	.....
Scott,[5]	12	60 50	9.50	19.43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51.07
Washington,	13	28.50	7.50	3.00	4.50	18.50	35.00	.....	.....	.....	13.50
Palestine,[5]	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warren,	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clinton,[6]	16	10.00	6.50	11.50	.....	4.50	2.25	.....	.....	.....	2.25
Jennings,[5]	17	7.00	...*...	19.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hiram,	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Terre Haute,[3]	19	11.00	9.50	9.50	.....	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	19.50
St. Johns,[7]	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Salem,[8]	21	.....	17.50	17.50	.....	13.00	.....	13.00	.....	.....	13.00
Bloomington,[8]	22	18.25	7.00	.....	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.25
Center,[8]	23	11.00	13.50	13.50	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.00
Webb,[9]	24	.....	...*...	6.00	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wayne,[10]	25	.....	17.00	2.00	.....	...*...	.....	.....	†54.00	.....	.....
Hindostan,[2]	26	31.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31.00
Solomon,[5]	27	50.00	7.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49.00
Lafayette,	28	48.50	13.50	.....	.....	10.00	35.00	.....	.....	†37.00	.....
Clay,	29	5.00	6.50	.....	.....	3.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.50
Charity,	30	34.00	8.50	18.50	.....	6.00	29.75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson,[8]	31	25.75	8.50	8.50	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.75
Hamilton,	32	.....	10.50	10.50	.....	8.50	8.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tipton,	33	36.00	18.00	.....	.....	17.00	15.00	.....	†54.00	.....	2.00
WesternStar,[3]	34	25.75	...*...	.....	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty,[11]	35	39.00	26.00	21.00	6.00	8.50	20.00	.....	.....	†36.00	.....
Philanthropic,	36	.....	43.00	7.00	6.00	...*...	5.00	.....	†30.00	.....	1.00
Perry,	37	.....	8.00	5.00	.....	56.00	20.50	.....	.....	†36.00	.....
Jerusalem,	38	.....	5.00	.....	.....	36.00	20.00	.....	.....	.....	16.00

Amount, ... $402.32

W. C. Keen's account, $75 87; Richardson's Note, $11 50, *Cr.* to Olive Branch, 87.37

Total amount, ... $489.69

(1) Not represented since 1828. (2) Charter arrested in 1829. (3) Not represented since 1828. (4) Not represented in 1830. (5) Charter surrendered, 1829. (6) Not represented since 1827. (7) Charter arrested in 1827—Dispensation granted in 1830. (8) Not represented in 1830. (9) Not represented in 1828. (10) Not represented in 1830—the donation is for all dues up to 1829. (11) Donation considered in full. * No Return. † Donation. ‡ Loan.

The Grand Secretary also submits the following statement of moneys received by him since the last Grand Communication up to the first day of the present, (the last exclusive), to-wit:

Amount received from Brother Wm. Sheets, acting Grand Secretary,		$117 00
Credit.—By the amount paid over to the Grand Treasurer,	$ 87 00	
By amount retained (allowance for tyling last Gr. Communication),	10 00	
Amount due for Charter of Perry Lodge, donated by last Gr. Com.,	6 00	
Paid for stationery and book for Lodge,	1 25	
Postage on letters, etc.,	3 18¾	
By allowance for services as Grand Secretary during present year,	75 00	
		$182 43¾
Leaving a balance due the Grand Secretary,		$ 65 43¾

The Grand Secretary also laid before the Grand Lodge, the communications from foreign Grand Lodges, received by him since the last Grand Communication; which were, on motion of Brother Tipton, referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The M. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge the following communication and report from the Grand Treasurer, which were referred to the committee on Accounts:

INDIANAPOLIS, October 1, 1831.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren:

Inclosed you have my account of receipts and expenditures of Grand Lodge funds for the current year. I expected, when I accepted the office, to meet you at Vincennes, but private business of a nature not to be dispensed with compels me to forego that pleasure. I hope no serious inconvenience will result from this, as my account will be placed before you by the Grand Secretary. With sentiments of respect, I am, Brethren, fraternally yours, JOHN WALKER.

Debtor—Dec. 1830.—To cash received of Grand Secretary,	$10 00	
" " To cash received of same,	77 00	
		$87 00
Credit—Dec., 1830.—By cash paid Brother Ingraham for Brother H. Curry, as per resolution last Gr. Lodge	$10 00	
June, 1831. " cash paid A. F. Morrison, printer,	26 92	
Oct. 1, " " " Douglass & Maguire, for printing blank Charters, and furnishing parchment,	12 00	
Amount paid out,		$48 92
Leaving in the hands of the Grand Treasurer,		$38 08

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. WILLIAM SHEETS, *G. M. pro tem.*

Attest:—A. W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, October 11, 1831.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. R. W., WILLIAM SHEETS, D. G. M., presiding.

Brothers John B. Semans, from Perry Lodge, No. 37, and Joshua Tillotson, Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19, entered, produced their credentials, and took

their seats. Whereupon, the Returns of said Lodges, together with that of Salem Lodge, No. 21, and the credentials of their representatives, were referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials.

Brother *Tipton*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Upon examination of the books and acocunts of the late Gr. Secretary, it appears that there is due him on the first day of the Gr. Communication in 1829,	$29 07
Since which, he has paid late Grand Treasurer, H. Gregg,	77 50
For subscription on Craftsman, postage, stationery and traveling expenses,	37 75
Services as Grand Secretary, from 1829 to 1830,	70 00
Making total amount claimed, up to Grand Communication in 1830,	$214 32
From which deduct amount received by late Gr. Sec'y from 1829 to 1830,	189 43
Leaving a balance due Grand Secretary,	$ 24 89
Services as Grand Secretary, from Oct. 4th to Dec. 4th, 1830,	30 00
Paid traveling expenses to Vevay, postage, subscription on Craftsman, etc.,	66 25
Amount paid A. W. Morris, Grand Secretary,	117 00
Total amount due Grand Secretary, up to Dec. 4th, 1830,	$238 14
Receipts from first day of Gr. Communication in 1830 to Dec. 4th, 1830,	259 00
Leaving balance yet due from the late Grand Secretary,	$ 20 86

Your committee regret to see that the late Grand Secretary has charged $70 00 for his services as such, from the first day of the session of Grand Lodge in 1829 up to October 4th, 1830, and a further sum of $30 00 for his services from October 4th to December 4th, 1830, instead of 6¼ cents for each hundred words, as provided for in the Constitution. The amount thus claimed, your committee believe to be high; but as the Grand Secretary performed services in traveling to Vevay and New Albany on business for Grand Lodge, the committee recommend the allowance of his charge.

Your committee find, that for several years the Grand Secretary has been taking, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, a newspaper called the "Craftsman;" they consider this a useless expense to the Grand Lodge, and recommend its discontinuance.

As regards the claims assigned by Scott Lodge to late Grand Secretary, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Brother J. F. D. Lanier be authorized to collect the claims in his hands, assigned for the use of this Grand Lodge; and when collected, to pay the same over to the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, further, That the late Grand Secretary Brother J. F. D. Lanier, be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to the Grand Secretary $20 86, the balance due from him to this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Morris*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was read, and on motion of Brother Morris, laid on the table:

The committee are able to ascertain but little matter of importance among the unfinished business of last session. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the amendment to the Grand Constitution offered by Brother Parker, in 1829, be, and the same is hereby adopted.

Resolved, That all other unfinished business remaining over from previous years, be indefinitely postponed.

Brother *Martin*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The Committee have examined the Returns and Credentials referred to them, and find that the following Brethren are representatives:

R. P. Price (S. W.), and N. Hamet (J. W.), from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; Wm. Sheets (by appointment), Union Lodge, No. 2; Onatus D. Chafee (W. M.), Clinton Lodge, No. 16; Woodbridge Parker (W. M.), Salem Lodge, No. 21; Daniel Kelso (W. M.), Jefferson Lodge, No. 31; John Tipton (W. M.), Tipton Lodge, No. 33; John Knight (S. W.), Philanthropic Lodge, No. 36; John B. Semans (by appointment), Perry Lodge, No. 37.

The Return of Hiram Lodge, No. 15, shows that Brother Philip Mason is the representative from said Lodge; but he has not taken his seat.

As regards the Returns of Philanthropic and Clinton Lodges, your committee would state, that they are not made out precisely as the Constitution directs; they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother Onatus D. Chafee be recognized as the representative from Clinton Lodge, No. 16; and that Brother John Knight be recognized as the representative from Philanthropic Lodge, No. 36.

Your committee would further state, that they have examined the Return of Hamilton Lodge, No. 32. From the statement attached to the Return, it appears that Brother Morris has been requested to act as their *proxy* during the present Grand Communication; but there appears no regular certificate of that fact under the seal of said Lodge. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother A. W. Morris be received as the *proxy* for Hamilton Lodge, No. 32.

Brother *Tillotson* presented the Return and a petition of Western Star Lodge, No. 34, praying that they may be permitted to surrender their Charter on certain conditions; which were referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, Brothers Purdy and Parker were added to the committee on Returns and Credentials; and Brothers Tillotson and Semans to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of Brother *Tipton*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to take possession, forthwith, of the effects belonging to Solomon Lodge, No. 27, and dispose of the same to the best advantage, and apply the proceeds to the payment of the debt due from said Lodge to the Grand Lodge; and to apply the overplus, if any, to the credit of Union Lodge, No. 2, on the books of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Joseph Warner, from Charity Lodge, No. 30, entered, produced the Return of said Lodge, and his credentials as representative; which were, on motion of Brother Morris, referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials.

Brother *Kelso* offered for adoption the following resolution, which was, on motion of Brother Warner, laid on the table:

Resolved, That Jefferson Lodge, No. 31, be allowed the sum of twelve dollars, to

go in payment of any debts that said Lodge owes to the M. W. Grand Lodge; it being the amount expended from the funds of said Lodge, for the relief of traveling Brethren in distress.

Brother Warner was added to the committee on Accounts:

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—R. W., WILLIAM SHEETS, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother Pleasant M. O'Haver, from Hiram Lodge, No. 18, entered, produced his credentials and the Return of said Lodge, and took his seat. Whereupon, it was ordered, that the Return of said Lodge and the credentials of Brother O'Haver, be referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials.

On motion, Brothers Purdy, Davis, Martin, Semans and Kelso were appointed a committee to revise the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and report the same on the first day of the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Purdy*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the Return of Terre Haute Lodge, and the credentials of its representative; and find that Brother Elijah Tillotson is the representative from said Lodge. And although that Lodge is in arrears with the Grand Lodge for two years, yet your committee ask the further indulgence of the Grand Lodge until the first day of the next Annual Grand Communication, for the payment of all dues. The committee ask the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Brother E. Tillotson be recognized as the representative from Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19.

Resolved, That Terre Haute Lodge be allowed until the first day of the next session of this Grand Lodge, to make a full payment of its dues.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge the proceedings of St. John's Lodge, (U. D.), which were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations. Whereupon,

Brother *Kelso*, from said committee, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have examined the workings of St. John's Lodge, (U. D.), and the copy of By-Laws presented with them, and find the workings regular, with a few unimportant exceptions, and nothing in the By-Laws that contravenes any provision in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. The petitioners pray for a Charter to constitute them a regular Lodge; and your committee deem their prayer reasonable, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to the petitioners, by the name of *Saint John's Lodge*, No. 20: and that HAMAN WADE be the first Master thereof, *Tiffin Davis* the Senior Warden, and *Reuben Redman*, the Junior Warden.

Resolved, further, That no fee be required of said Lodge for a Charter except the fee due the Grand Secretary therefor, in consequence of their having once paid for a Charter which has been surrendered to this M. W. Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resolved to go into Grand procession to-morrow at twelve o'clock; and Brothers Price, Stout and Warner were appointed a committe, to make all necessary arrangements for a public dinner, and report to this Grand Lodge to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Brother *Semans* offered for adoption the following preamble and resolution, which was read, and on motion of Brother Tipton, laid on the table:

WHEREAS, Perry Lodge, No. 37, has been compelled, for the last year, to incur an expense of four dollars per month, in procuring a room in which to hold the Lodge: and whereas, they are desirous of erecting a Masonic Hall in the town of Lafayette, in order to relieve them from the payment of such a heavy rent: therefore,

Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars, out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, be donated to said Perry Lodge (that being the amount of their dues for the present year, which has been paid to the Grand Secretary), for the purpose of assisting said Lodge in the erection of the Hall aforesaid; and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to pay the said amount to the representative from said Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge the following communication, which was read and ordered to be entered on the proceedings:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Indiana:

BRETHREN—Agreeably to the request of the M. W. Grand Master, Philip Mason, I did, on the 5th day of March last, congregate, constitute, and install the officers of Perry Lodge, No. 37, at Lafayette. Yours fraternally,

JOHN TIPTON, P. G. M.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock. WILLIAM SHEETS, *G. M. pro tem.*

Attest:—A. W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, October 12, 1831.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock A. M.—R. W., WILLIAM SHEETS, D. G. M., presiding.

The M. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge the Return of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, together with the credentials of its representative; which were read and referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials. Also, the following communication from the M. W. Grand Master of Kentucky, which was read and referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence:

LEXINGTON, Kentucky, 1st March, 1831.

M. W. Brother:—At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky held in 1830, at this place, a resolution, of which the following is a copy, was adopted:

"WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge is informed by Owen Lodge, No. 68, that Rising Sun Lodge in the State of Indiana, has initiated sundry persons, residing in Gallatin county, Kentucky;

"*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master correspond with the M. W. Grand Master of Indiana, and call his attention to this subject, and request that such measures may be taken, as to remove any cause of complaint on this subject in future."—(Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, pages 27 and 28).

Believing that there can be no difficulty as to any principle of jurisdiction between us, I presume that I need only call your attention to the subject, confident that if there is any cause of complaint, it will be removed; and that any mistake can be explained. Respectfully and fraternally, yours, etc.,

JOHN M'CALLA, G. M., G. L. K.

Brother *Tipton*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have carefully perused the communications received from our sister Grand Lodges of Virginia, New Hampshire, Alabama, New York, Maryland, Louisiana, Ohio, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, Connecticut, Rhode Island, District of Columbia, Territory of Florida, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ohio. By these communications, Masonry appears to be flourishing, notwithstanding the unjustifiable opposition set up against it; and confirms the belief of your committee, that if Masons live up to the principles of the Order, they have nothing to fear. Your committee do not discover any thing in the documents referred to them that requires special notice from the Grand Lodge, except an address of the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island, to the people of that State. Your committee consider it a clear, able and lucid expose of the principles of our Order, and are of opinion that it was called for by the conduct of the opposition in that State; and your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approve and fully concur in the sentiments contained in an address of the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, to the people of that State, of the 13th of June, 1831.

They also recommend a tender of fraternal acknowledgments and a continuance of correspondence.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was read and ordered to be entered on the proceedings:

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer submit the following statement of the accounts of the late Grand Treasurer, Brother H. Gregg:

In relation to Brother Gregg's account, we have had to depend upon the report of a committee of this Grand Lodge in 1829; from which it appears that at that time there was in the hands of the late Grand Treasurer, in cash and Notes, $378 00. The Grand Secretary's book shows, that in November, 1829, there was paid by him to Brother Gregg, $77 50; making, in all, in his hands, $455 50.

The late Grand Treasurer has been repeatedly spoken to by us upon the subject of his accounts, and he has repeatedly expressed his willingness to make a final adjustment of them; but has failed to do it.

Brother *Kelso*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That from the Return of Hiram Lodge, No. 18, Brother P. M. O'Haver is the representative from said Lodge by appointment; and that Brother Wm. Sheets is the

proxy for Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6. And that from the facts detailed in the Return of Western Star Lodge, your committee are of opinion that it is expedient for this M. W. Grand Lodge to accept the surrender of its Charter; and would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this M. W. Grand Lodge do accept the Charter of Western Star Lodge, No. 34; and that the Worshipful Master of said Lodge be authorized and required to settle the concerns of said Lodge with the Grand Secretary, between this time and the first day of the next session of this M. W. Grand Lodge.

Brother *Stout*, from the committee appointed to make arrangements for a procession and dinner, reported that the committee had made the appropriate arrangements.

On motion of Brother *Davis*, the report of the committee on Unfinished Business was taken up; and, on the question, "Shall the report be concurred in?" the vote by Lodges was called for. *Ayes*, the Grand Wardens collectively, Past Grand Officers collectively, Past Masters collectively, and Lodges Nos. 16, 18, 21—6. *Noes*, M. W. Grand Master, and Lodges Nos. 1, 30, 31, 32, 33, 37—6. The votes being equal, the M. W. Grand Master gave the casting vote in the negative. So the report was not concurred in.

Brother *Tipton* presented the following preamble and resolution, which was read and concurred in:

WHEREAS, Vevay Lodge, No. 7, not being represented for several years, has forfeited its Charter and ceased to work as a Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That Brother Daniel Kelso be, and he is hereby appointed an agent for this Grand Lodge, with full power to demand, receive, and, if necessary, to sue for all tools, jewels, books, papers, and all other effects of said Lodge which have been so forfeited; and when received, to hand the same over to the Grand Secretary, to be by him deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Tipton*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit forthwith to each subordinate Lodge in arrears to this Grand Lodge, a statement of the amount due from said Lodge, with a request that payment be made on or before the 24th of June next.

Resolved, That on the failure of any subordinate Lodge, which may have been in arrears or not represented in this Grand Lodge for the past two years, to comply with the request of the Grand Secretary, as contemplated in the foregoing resolution, he be directed to proceed in person, or by special agent, immediately after the 24th of June next, to each of the subordinate Lodges so in arrears and not represented for two years, and take into his possession all books, papers, tools, jewels, and moneys belonging to such Lodges; and hold the same subject to the order of this M. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved, further, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to cause all moneys that now are or hereafter may come into the hands of the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer, to be forthwith deposited in the United States Branch Bank, at Cincinnati or Louisville; and that he cause the certificate of such deposit to be filed with the Grand Secretary.

On Motion of Brother *Davis*, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing twelve months; and Brothers Davis and Stout were appointed to act as tellers. Whereupon, it appeared, upon counting the ballots, that the following Brethren were duly elected:

M. W., William Sheets (of Madison), Grand Master.
R. W., John B. Martin (of Vincennes), Deputy Grand Master.
W., William Purdy (of Carlisle), Senior Grand Warden.
" Woodbridge Parker (of Salem), Junior Grand Warden.
M. R., Henry M. Shaw (of Vincennes), Grand Chaplain.
John W. Davis (of Carlisle), Grand Orator.
Austin W. Morris (of Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.
John Tipton (of Logansport), Grand Treasurer.
Joseph Warner (of Washington), Grand Marshal.
Richard P. Price (of Vincennes), Grand Sword Bearer.
Daniel Kelso (of Hartford), Senior Grand Deacon.
Onatus D. Chafee (of Princeton), Junior Grand Deacon.
John B. Semans (of Lafayette), Grand Pursuivant.
Joseph Roseman (of Vincennes), Grand Steward and Tyler.

On motion of Brother *Parker*, the Grand Lodge then proceeded to select a site for the next Grand Lodge for the ensuing twelve months, Brothers Davis and Stout acting as tellers; whereupon, it appeared, upon counting the ballots, that the town of Salem was duly selected.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

Two o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment,.—R. W., William Sheets, D. G. M., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Tipton*, the Grand Lodge took up the resolution offered by Brother Davis on Monday last, relative to the purchase of a Lot in some suitable place for the erection of a Grand Masonic Hall. Whereupon, the blank in said resolution was filled with the town of *Indianapolis.* The resolution, as amended, was then adopted; and Brothers Davis, Purdy and Morris were appointed a committee to carry said resolution into effect.

On motion of Brother *Purdy*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge does adjourn, it adjourn to meet at Salem, in the county of Washington, on the first Monday in October next.

On motion of Brother *Purdy*, the sum of ten dollars was allowed to Brother Roseman for his services as Tyler, and for fuel furnished this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Vincennes Lodge, No 1, for the use of its Hall and jewels, and for the Brotherly and respectful attention of its members individually.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until six o'clock this evening.

SIX O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—R. W., WILLIAM SHEETS, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother *Tipton*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following reports, which were read and concurred in:

First.—That from the books of the Grand Secretary, he is chargeable with cash received of Brother Wm. Sheets, acting Grand Secretary of last Grand Communication, $117 00.

Out of which he has paid the Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers, $87 00; for stationery and postage on letters, $4 43¾; retained in his hands for Tyling last session and for Charter of Perry Lodge, $16 00; his claims for services as Grand Secretary from 4th of November, 1830, to present Grand Communication, $75 00—making the amount for which he is entitled to a credit, $182 43¾. From which deduct $117 00 as above, and there will be due the Grand Secretary $65 43¾.

Your committee deem the account of the Grand Secretary reasonable; and, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the account of Brother A. W. Morris, Grand Secretary, be allowed.

Your committee find that the disbursements of the Grand Charity Fund amount to $3 25; which sum was expended by Brother Morris, and though not strictly legal, they deem it a necessary one; they, therefore, recommend that Brother Morris be allowed that amount.

On examination of the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, they find them correct, he having received from the Grand Secretary $87 00, and expended, as per vouchers $48 92, which deducted from $87 00, as above, will leave in the hands of Brother Walker $38 08. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother John Walker, Grand Treasurer, be authorized to pay to the Grand Secretary, the sum of thirty-eight dollars and eight cents.

Second.—Your committee have also examined the report of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, in relation to the account of Brother Gregg, and are satisfied that the Brethren have made the only statement they could make, in relation to the accounts of the late Grand Treasurer; they are also satisfied that the Brethren have used ordinary diligence in bringing them to a close; and they have only to regret the unwillingness, or to say the least, the neglect of Brother Gregg in not promptly, when called on, making final adjustment of them, without further delay.

As the most practical way of adjusting the whole matter to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge and to Brother Gregg, they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be empowered to make a settlement, and finally adjust the account of Brother Gregg, late Grand Treasurer, and receive and receipt for the amount which he may receive on such settlement; which settlement and adjustment shall be subject to the approval of the next Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Stout*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary procure two hundred copies of the Proceedings of the present Grand Communication to be printed; and that he forward two copies to each subordinate Lodge, one copy to each of the Grand Officers of this

Grand Lodge, and one copy to each of the Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, further, That the sum of thirty dollars be appropriated, and placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses.

Brother *Tipton*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred the communication from the M. W. Grand Master of Kentucky, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That it is not proper, in the opinion of the committee, for any Lodge within this State to initiate a citizen of any other State within which there is a Grand Lodge, without having first procured the consent of at least one of the Grand Officers of such Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect. Whereupon, after all the Brethren present below the degree, of Past Master had retired, a Lodge of Past Masters was opened in ancient form.—M. W., Elihu Stout, P. G. M., presiding.

Brother William Sheets was duly installed Most Worshipful Grand Master, and John B. Martin, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana for the ensuing twelve months.

The Past Masters' Lodge was then duly closed, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to labor as before.—M. W., Wm. Sheets. G. M., presiding.

The other Grand Officers elect were then duly installed.

On motion of Brother *Warner*, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the young gentlemen of Vincennes who acted as musicians during the procession of this day.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Brothers A. W. Morris, John B. Martin, Woodbridge Parker and Philip Mason to act with him as Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was then duly closed to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of Salem, on the first Monday in October, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.

WILLIAM SHEETS, *Grand Master.*

Attest:—Austin W. Morris, *G. Sec'y.*

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT SALEM, IND., OCT. 1, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.

M. W., WOODBRIDGE PARKER, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Salem, on Monday, the first day of October, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.—Present,

M. W., WOODBRIDGE PARKER, J. G. W., Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R. W., DANIEL KELSO, S. G. D., Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W., JOHN SHEETS, P. G. M., Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" ANDREW GELWICK, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
AUSTIN W. MORRIS, Grand Secretary.
JOHN MCMAHON, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
DANIEL KRESS, Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
ROBERT VERMILYA, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. HODGES, Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
MARMADUKE COFFIN, Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

Past Grand Officer.—John Sheets, P. G. M. *Past Master.*—John McMahon.

Representatives.—From Union Lodge, No. 2, John Sheets; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Daniel Kelso, (*proxy*); Washington Lodge, No. 13, Daniel Kress and Andrew Gelwick; Warren Lodge, No. 15, James Butler; Salem Lodge, No. 21, Woodbridge Parker, James Coffin and Robert W. Vermilya; Lafayette Lodge, No. 28, A. W. Morris, (*proxy*); Jefferson Lodge, No. 31, Daniel Kelso.

Visitors.—David T. Wear, John McMahon and W. Hodges.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in ancient form, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatives aforesaid presented the Returns of their several Lodges and their credentials as representatives; which, on motion, were referred to

the committee on Returns and Credentials, consisting of Brothers Kelso, Butler and Kress.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. WOODBRIDGE PARKER, *G. M. pro tem.*

Attest:—A. W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, October 2, 1832.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. W., WOODBRIDGE PARKER, J. G. W., presiding.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Accounts.—Brothers KELSO, KRESS and GELWICK.

On Grievances.—Brothers BUTLER, MCMAHON and VERMILYA.

On Charters and Dispensations.—Brothers MORRIS and BUTLER.

On Unfinished Business.—Brothers MORRIS and MCMAHON.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers KELSO and MORRIS.

On Returns and Credentials.—Brothers KELSO, BUTLER and KRESS.

To examine attendant and visiting Brethren.—Brothers KELSO and GELWICK.

Brother *Morris* asked and obtained leave of absence for Brother John Sheets.

Brother *Kelso*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have examined the Returns and credentials referred to them, and beg leave to report the following Brethren as representatives:

Brother John Sheets (by appointment), from Union Lodge, No. 2; Daniel Kelso (by appointment), Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6; Daniel Kress (W. M.), and Andrew Gelwick (J. W.), Washington Lodge, No. 13; James Butler (by appointment), Warren Lodge, No. 15; Woodbridge Parker (W. M.), James Coffin (S. W.), and Robert W. Vermilya (J. W.), Salem Lodge, No. 21; A. W. Morris (*proxy*), Lafayette Lodge, No. 28; Daniel Kelso (W. M.), Jefferson Lodge, No. 31.

Your committee would further remark, that the Returns of said Lodges are generally correct.

Brother *Kelso*, as agent for the Grand Lodge to settle with Vevay Lodge, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That, after many fruitless attempts to effect a compromise with Vevay Lodge, No. 7, he did, in the month of March last, seize and take into full possession the following property belonging to said Lodge, to-wit: One set of silver jewels (except the Junior Warden's jewel), one carpet, two columns, two rods, some furniture belonging to the Mark Masters' Lodge, one ballot box, one old sword, one Bible, one old Monitor, one book case (sold for two dollars); all of which is safely deposited in Vevay, for the benefit of the Grand Lodge (except the jewels, which are herewith presented). Your agent would further state, that the books of said Lodge are said to be in the possession of Wm. C. Keen, and never perhaps will be seen by any person except himself. The whole amount of property now in the hands of your agent, including the jewels, is worth perhaps sixty or eighty dollars, which is subject to the further order of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges; which were referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Secretary also presented the following reports, which were read and referred to the committee on Accounts:

First.—The Grand Secretary presents the following statement, showing the amount due from each Lodge—how long the same has been due—how long they have been unrepresented—and for what years no Returns have been made:

LODGES.	Number.	Balance due in 1828.	Amount due in 1829.	Amount paid in 1829.	Amount due in 1830.	Amount paid in 1830.	Amount due in 1831.	Amount paid in 1831.	Amount loaned or donated in 1830.	Amount loaned or donated in 1830.	Total amount due in 1831.
Vincennes,[1]	1	.....	11.50	11.50	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....
Union,[2]	2	45.50	9.00	.....	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	†60.00	.....	.....
Blazing Star,[3]	3	49.00	16.50	4.50	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	†60.00	.....	.....
Lawrenceburg,[3]	4	36.50	16.50	6.00	16.00	.....	...*...	.....	.....	†64.00	.....
Pisgah,[4]	5	16.50	...*...	3.00	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	13.50
Rising Sun,[1]	6	37.00	11.50	20.00	12.00	.....	8.50	10.00	.....	.....	39.00
Vevay,[5]	7	71.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71.00
Zif,[5]	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Posey,[4]	9	.....	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch,[4]	10	.....	8.50	6.00	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	2.50
Harmony,[6]	11	15.00	.....	.....	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	‡30.00	.....	.....
Scott,[7]	12	60 50	9.50	9.43	.....	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	51.07
Washington,[6]	13	28.50	7.50	3.00	18.50	33.00	...*...	.....	.....	.....	16.50
Palestine,[7]	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warren,[1]	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clinton,[1]	16	10.00	6.50	11.50	4.50	7.25	2.00	4.25	.....	.....	.....
Jennings,[7]	17	7.00	...*...	19.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hiram,[1]	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Terre Haute,[1]	19	11.00	9.50	9.50	8.00	.....	8.50	.....	.....	.....	27.00
St. Johns,[8]	20	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem,[1]	21	.....	17.50	17.50	13.50	13.00	11.00	11.00	.....	.....	.....
Bloomington,[6]	22	18.25	7.00	.....	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	25.25
Center,[6]	23	11.00	13.50	13.50	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	11.00
Webb,[6]	24	.....	...*...	6.00	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wayne,[6]	25	.....	17.00	2.00	...*...	.....	...*...	.....	†54.00	.....	11.50
Hindostan,[5]	26	31.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31.00
Solomon,[9]	27	50.00	7.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49.00
Lafayette,[6]	28	48.50	13.50	.....	10.00	35.00	10.00	10.00	.....	†37.00	.....
Clay,[6]	29	5.00	6.50	.....	3.50	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	14.81
Charity,[10]	30	34.00	8.50	18.50	6.00	29.75	...*...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson,[1]	31	25.75	8.50	8.50	6.50	.....	16.75	23 25	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton,[1]	32	... ...	10.50	10.50	8.50	8.50	11.00	11.00	.....	.....	.....
Tipton,[1]	33	36.00	18.00	.....	17.00	15.00	17.00	19.00	†54.00	.....	.....
WesternStar,[11]	34	25.75	...*...	.....	.....	.....	...*...	.....	.....	.....	25.75
Liberty,[12]	35	39.00	26.00	21.00	8.50	20.50	...*...	.....	.....	†36.00	.....
Philanthropic,[1]	36	.....	43.00	30.00	...*...	12.00	7.00	.....	‡30.00	.....	8.00
Perry,[1]	37	.....	8.00	5.00	56.00	20.50	20.00	20.00	.....	†36.00	.....
Jerusalem,[6]	38	.....	5.00	.... :	36.00	20.00	...*...	.....	.....	.....	21.00

(1) Represented in 1831. (2) Donation in full to 1830; represented in 1831. (3) Donation in full to 1830; not represented since. (4) Not represented since 1828. (5) Charter arrested in 1829. (6) Not represented since 1830. (7) Charter surrendered in 1829. (8) Not represented since 1830; Charter surrendered in 1831. (9) Charter surrendered in 1828. (10) Not represented in 1830; but dues not paid. (11) Charter surrendered in 1831. (12) Not represented since 1830; account closed to that time. * No Return. † Donation. ‡ Loan.

Second.—The Grand Secretary submits the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of Grand Lodge funds, since the first day of the last Grand Communication, to the first day of the present, (the last exclusive):

Received of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1,		$ 10 50
" Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6,		10 00
" Clinton Lodge, No. 16,		4 25
" Salem Lodge, No. 21,		11 00
" Lafayette Lodge, No. 28,		20 00
" Jefferson Lodge, No. 31,		23 25
" Hamilton Lodge, No. 32,		11 00
" Tipton Lodge, No. 33,		19 00
" Perry Lodge, No. 37,		20 00
" Brother John Walker, late Grand Treasurer,		38 00
Making in all,		$167 00
Amount due the Grand Secretary for services last year,	$ 65 43¾	
Paid Brother J. Roseman, Tyler, for 1831,	10 00	
Paid Douglass & Maguire for printing,	26 50	
Amount paid for stationery,	2 50	
" paid for postage on fifteen letters, to subordinate Lodges,	2 25	
" paid on letters, etc., from foreign Grand Lodges,	3 25	
" allowed for advance of Grand Charity Fund,	3 25	
" paid at Vincennes for postage,	75	
By amount for writing fifteen letters to subordinate Lodges, inclosing their accounts, (averaging 500 words each, at 6¼ cents per hundred), by order of Grand Lodge,	4 68¾	
By services as Grand Secretary, including copy of Proceedings for printing, transmitting copies of Proceedings, signatures, etc., etc.,	75 00	
Making in all,		193 62½
Balance due the Grand Secretary,		$ 26 62½

The Grand Secretary also laid before the Grand Lodge the following report, which was read and, on motion, referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Kelso, McMahon and Gelwick:

In obedience to a resolution of the last Grand Lodge, instructing the Grand Secretary to transmit to each subordinate Lodge in arrears with this Grand Lodge, a statement of the amount due from said Lodge, with a request that payment be made on or before the 24th of June last,—letters were written to Union, Blazing Star, Lawrenceburg, Pisgah, Rising Sun, Posey, Olive Branch, Harmony, Washington, Terre Haute, Bloomington, Webb, Wayne, Solomon, Lafayette, Western Star and Jerusalem Lodges. To these communications, which were addressed in November last, the Grand Secretary has received no answers, except from Webb, Wayne and Solomon Lodges, and these unofficial.

From Webb Lodge, he is given to understand that the Lodge has ceased to work; that they have considerable property, and are willing to pay the amount they are in arrears,—but have failed to do it.

From Wayne Lodge, he understands that the Lodge is in a flourishing condition; has recently built a splendid Hall; that they were under the impression that their dues for the last year were provided for by a resolution of the Grand Lodge of 1829, and that they would be represented at this Grand Communication, when final adjustment of its accounts would be made.

From Solomon Lodge, he was informed by the late Master, Brother Wm. Sheets, that a trip to Madison for the purpose of disposing by *sale* of the property of the Lodge, would be unavailing; that the members of the Lodge would endeavor, and he

believed would succeed, in arranging their accounts agreeably to the wish of the Grand Lodge.

From Lafayette Lodge, he has received no answer; but the money was forwarded to him for the last year's arrearages and the present year's dues.

The Grand Secretary has not complied with that part of the resolution which authorizes him to take possession of the property of subordinate Lodges in arrears, upon failure to pay by the 24th of June last; except the property of Center Lodge, No. 23, which consists in a carpet, a set of jewels, altar, columns, and two small tables, which are subject to the order of this Grand Lodge. He hopes that this course will meet the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Kelso* offered for adoption the following resolution, which was, on motion of Brother McMahon, laid on the table:

WHEREAS, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, has, within the last year, been at considerable expense in fitting up a room for the use of said Lodge; therefore.

Resolved, That a credit of forty-five dollars be allowed to said Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, to go in satisfaction of any debts that said Lodge may owe to the Grand Lodge: *Provided*, that said Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge said sum of forty-five dollars, whenever the Grand Lodge shall want said fund in erecting a Grand Masonic Hall for the use of said Grand Lodge; in which case, the same shall be considered a loan only, without interest.

On motion of Brother *Kelso*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of appointing District Agents, invested with full power to coerce payment from such subordinate Lodges as may be indebted to the Grand Lodge, for dues or otherwise; and that they be further invested with power to receive the surrender of Charters, after full payment of dues. Also, to arrest and take full possession of all Charters, books, jewels, furniture, etc., of any and all subordinate Lodges, where the exigency of the case way require it, for and in the name of the Grand Lodge of Indiana; and that they report their proceedings to the Grand Lodge on the second day of the next Grand Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Brothers Kelso, Gelwick, McMahon and Morris that committee.

Brother *Morris*, Grand Secretary, made the following report, which was read and referred to the committee on Accounts:

The Grand Secretary, whose duty it was made, by a resolution of the last Grand Lodge, to finally adjust with Brother Harvey Gregg, late Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, his accounts as such,—reports, that he has failed to do so. The reason is, Brother Gregg evades a settlement. As to the amount supposed to be in the hands of Brother Gregg, the Grand Lodge is referred to the Proceedings of the last Grand Communication.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—W., WOODBRIDGE PARKER, J. G. W., presiding.

On motion, Brothers Gelwick, Kress and McMahon were appointed a committee to inquire into and report to this Grand Lodge at its next

Communication, what disposition has been made of $200 00, donated by this Grand Lodge at its session in 1824, for the purpose of procuring a home for the widow and orphans of the late Brother Robert Burge, deceased, of Jackson county; and were authorized to correspond with the committee who were charged with the expenditure of said $200 00.

On motion of Brother *Kress*, the Grand Secretary was authorized to extend to Washington Lodge, No. 13, a further credit upon the balance of the dues of said Lodge to this Grand Lodge, until the first day of the next Grand Communication.

Brother *McMahon*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee on Unfinished Business are able to ascertain but little matter of importance couched in the same; they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That all unfinished business remaining over from previous years, be indefinitely postponed.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. W. PARKER, *G. Master, pro tem.*

Attest:—A. W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, October 3, 1832.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock A. M.—W., WOODBRIDGE PARKER, J. G. W., presiding.

Brother *Kelso*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Since the last Annual Grand Communication, the Grand Secretary has received up to the first day of the present session (the last exclusive),		$167 00
From which take allowance made to Gr. Sec'y last session,	$ 65 43¾	
Paid Brother Roseman for Tyling at last session, as per voucher,	10 00	
Paid Douglass & Maguire for printing Proceedings of last Grand Lodge, as per voucher,	26 50	
Amount paid for stationery,	2 50	
Amount of postage on letters sent to subordinate Lodges, as per order of the Grand Lodge,	2 25	
Amount paid for postage on letters and other Grand communications from foreign Grand Lodges,	3 25	
Amount for advance of Grand Charity Fund,	3 25	
Paid at Vincennes for postage during last Grand session,	75	
Services, up to first day of present session (the last exclusive),	79 68¾	
Making a total of,		$193 62½
And there is left due the Grand Secretary the sum of,		$ 26 62½

Your committee would state further, that as per report of Grand Secretary on the subject of communicating with subordinate Lodges in arrears with the Grand Lodge, it appears that the course adopted by the Grand Secretary has been a saving one to the Grand Lodge; your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the report of the Grand Secretary, on the subject of communicating with subordinate Lodges which have been two years or more in arrears with the Grand Lodge, be concurred in.

Resolved, further, That the property of Center Lodge, No. 23, remain in his possession until a further order of this Grand Lodge, or until the establishment of a new Lodge at Indianapolis; in which case, the Grand Lodge being advised thereof, the said property shall belong to the new Lodge, upon their paying into the hands of the Grand Secretary eleven dollars in full of all demands against Center Lodge.

Resolved, further, That the sum of twenty-six dollars sixty-two and a half cents be allowed to the Grand Secretary in full for all services as such up to the first day of the present session (the last exclusive).

Brother *Kelso*, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary in relation to the accounts of Brother Harvey Gregg, late Grand Treasurer, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

On reference to the Proceedings of the past years, it appears that this Grand Lodge has almost uniformly lost, upon final settlement, the amount in the hands of the Grand Secretaries and Treasurers. That much of the embarrassment of this Grand Lodge may justly be attributed to the defalcation of these officers. The amount of the Grand Lodge funds in the hands of Brother Grand Treasurer Gregg, as per report of last committee, is $455 50. Brother Gregg not having made a report, your committee are unable to determine whether this be correct or not. But be this as it may, your committee can not but express the most unfeigned surprise and regret that Brother Gregg should have been thus long in accounting to the Grand Lodge for the disposition of its funds.

Believing that the interest of this Grand Lodge requires a prompt settlement of all its monied concerns, and particularly with its Grand Officers, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary again be appointed to call on Brother Gregg, and if possible, effect a settlement of his accounts with him; and if an amicable settlement can not be effected with him, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to cite Brother Harvey Gregg to appear before the Grand Lodge on the second day of the next Grand Communication, with his books and papers; and that the Grand Secretary report his proceedings in the case to the next Annual Grand Communication.

Brother *Kelso*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have had under consideration the communications from Grand Lodges in correspondence with this M. W. Grand Lodge, received since the last Annual Grand Communication. From the documents placed in their hands, Masonry appears to be gaining ground, notwithstanding the powerful and unjustifiable opposition against it; and it is the firm belief of your committee, that nothing but a strict adherence to the principles of the Order is requisite for its future welfare.

Your committee do not discover any thing in the documents referred to them that requires special notice from the Grand Lodge, except an Address from the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island; which your committee consider a determination on the part of the Brethren of that State altogether worthy of the Craft; and your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approve and fully concur in the sentiments contained in said Circular.

They also recommend a tender of fraternal acknowledgments, and a continuance of correspondence.

Brother *Kelso*, from the committee to whom was referred the resolution relative to District Agents made the following report, which was read, and the resolutions severally adopted:

Your committee believe that the appointment of District Agents for the Grand Lodge is indispensable; and, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Olive Branch, Hindostan, Charity, Clay and Philanthropic Lodges shall compose the first district; Hiram, Terre Haute, and Western Star Lodges, the second district; Wayne, Webb, St. John's, Bloomington and Liberty Lodges, the third district; Harmony, Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun, Jennings, Benevolent (U. D.), Solomon and Union Lodges, the fourth district; and Jerusalem, Blazing Star, Posey, Zif, Pisgah and Palestine Lodges, the fifth district.

Resolved, That there shall be appointed, by the M. W. Grand Lodge, one suitable member of the Institution as an Agent for the Grand Lodge in each of the said districts. And it is hereby made the duty of said Agents to call on all subordinate Lodges named in their respective districts, and examine the proceedings of said subordinate Lodges, to effect, if possible, settlements with said subordinate Lodges of their respective accounts. That said Agents be, and they are hereby authorized to receive the surrender of Charters of subordinate Lodges, on the payment of the dues from such subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge; also, to arrest Charters of subordinate Lodges, and seize and take into possession all books, papers, jewels and furniture of such Lodges, whenever, in the opinion of the Agent, the same may be requisite for the benefit of the Craft: *And further*, That the said Agents shall, at any time when they shall deem it necessary, instruct said Lodges in the proper mode of lecturing in the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, not to exceed two days at any one Lodge: *And further*, That the said Agents shall be allowed the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per diem for their services, to be liquidated from the funds of the Grand Lodge: *And further*, That the said Agents shall make a detailed report of their proceedings, on the second day of the next Annual Grand Communication: *And further*, That the said Agents shall not call on any subordinate Lodge other than those named in the several districts, they being such as are in arrears with the Grand Lodge for two years and upwards.

Resolved, further, that the following Brethren be appointed Agents for the several districts, to-wit: John B. Martin, of Vincennes, in the first district; Wm. Purdy, of Carlisle, in the second district; A. W. Morris, of Indianapolis, in the third district; Daniel Kelso, of York, in the fourth district; and Woodbridge Parker, of Salem, in the fifth district.

Resolved, further, That it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Secretary to furnish each District Agent with a statement of the amount due from each Lodge in his district; and that upon the refusal of any of the Agents to be appointed as aforesaid, to serve as such, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to fill such vacancy.

On motion of Brother *McMahon*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That as the sense of this Grand Lodge, it is expedient to revise the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and that the Past Grand Master, Philip Mason, of Warren Lodge, No. 15, be appointed a committee to make such revision; and that he report his proceedings thereon, on the second day of the next Annual Grand Communication.

Resolved, That it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Secretary to notify Brother Mason of his appointment.

The resolution submitted by Brother Kelso, for the benefit of Rising Sun Lodge was taken up; and on motion of Brother Morris, the resolution was amended by striking out, from the word "*Resolved*," and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"That Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, be entitled to a credit on the Grand Secretary's books, for the amount of its dues up to this time; which amount so in arrears be considered as a loan for *two years*, from this Grand Communication."

On motion of Brother *Kelso*, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter the representatives of each subordinate Lodge be allowed the sum of one dollar per day for each day's services as such, including going to and returning from the Grand Lodge; which sum shall be paid as other moneys are, out of the moneys paid into the Treasury by such representative, for the dues owing for the year for which he is the representative, and out of no other fund whatever: *Provided, however*, that in no case shall a representative be allowed pay as such for more than *one* Lodge; and should he represent more, then the charge to be equally borne by said Lodges. And in no case shall he receive a larger amount than he pays into the Treasury, as dues of the Lodge or Lodges for that particular year.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, the Grand Lodge resolved to proceed to the election of its officers for the ensuing twelve months, at two o'clock this afternoon.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—W., WOODBRIDGE PARKER, J. G. W., presiding.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing twelve months; Brothers Kress and McMahon acting as tellers. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected:

M. W., WOODBRIDGE PARKER (of Salem), Grand Master.
R. W., DANIEL KELSO (of York), Deputy Grand Master.
W., DANIEL KRESS (of Brownstown), Senior Grand Warden.
" DANIEL GELWICK (of Brownstown), Junior Grand Warden.
M. R., HENRY M. SHAW (of Vincennes), Grand Chaplain.
HARBIN H. MOORE (of Albany), Grand Orator.
A. W. MORRIS (of Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.
JOHN MCMAHON (of Salem), Grand Treasurer.
S. G. SCOTT (of Rising Sun), Grand Marshal.
NOAH NOBLE (of Indianapolis), Grand Sword Bearer.
WILLIAM OS. LITTLE (of Shelbyville), Senior Grand Deacon.
ROBERT W. VERMILYA (of Salem), Junior Grand Deacon.
JAMES BUTLER (of Connersville), Grand Pursuivant.
CHARLES I. HAND (of Indianapolis), Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to select a site for the next Grand Lodge for the ensuing twelve months; Brothers Kress and McMahon acting as tellers. Whereupon, it appeared, upon counting the ballots, that the town of INDIANAPOLIS was duly selected.

On motion of Brother *Gelwick*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approve of the manner in which Brother Kelso, agent for this Grand Lodge, has settled the affairs of Vevay Lodge, No. 7; and that

in addition to the two dollars received by him for property, as per his report, that he be allowed a further sum of five dollars for his services as such.

Resolved, further, That the property of Vevay Lodge, No. 7, now in the hands of said agent, remain so, until otherwise disposed of by this Grand Lodge, with discretionary power to dispose of such part, or all, if for the interest of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Butler*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, when it adjourns, will adjourn to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on the first Monday of October next.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary procure two hundred copies of the Proceedings of the present Grand Communication to be printed; and that he forward two copies to each subordinate Lodge, one copy to each of the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge, and one copy to each of the Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, further, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be appropriated, and placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect. Whereupon, all the Brethren present below the degree of Past Master having retired, a Lodge of Past Masters was opened in ancient form.—R. W., Daniel Kelso, P. M., presiding.

Brother Woodbridge Parker was then duly installed the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brother Daniel Kelso the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, for the ensuing twelve months.

The Past Masters' Lodge was then duly closed, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to business as before.—M. W., Woodbridge Parker, G. M., presiding.

The other Grand Officers elect were then duly installed.

On motion of Brother *Butler*, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Brethren of Salem Lodge, No. 21, as well for the use of their Hall and jewels, as for their fraternal and respectful attention to this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Brothers Philip Mason, John Tipton, Daniel Kelso and Elihu Stout to act with him as Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

On motion of Brother *Gelwick*, four dollars was allowed to Brother Marmaduke Coffin, for his services as Grand Tyler during the present Grand Communication.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was duly closed, to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in October, A. L. 5833, A. D. 1833.

WOODBRIDGE PARKER, *G. Master.*

Attest:—A. W. Morris, *G. Sec'y.*

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,
OCTOBER 7, (AND ADJOURNED TO DEC. 23,) A. L. 5833, A. D. 1833.

M. W., PHILIP MASON, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on Monday, the seventh day of October, A. L. 5833, A. D. 1833.—Present,

M. W., DANIEL KELSO, D. G. M., Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R. W., WILLIAM SHEETS, P. G. M., Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W., CHARLES I. HAND, P. S. G. W., Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" SAMUEL FLEMING, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
AUSTIN W. MORRIS, Grand Secretary.
CHARLES G. TAYLOR, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
GEORGE LOCKERBEE, Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
ZERAH T. PERCIVAL, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
DAVID WILLIAMS, Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
FLEMING T. LUSE, Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

Past Grand Officers.—William Sheets, P. G. M. and Charles I. Hand, P. J. G. W.

Past Masters.—James Liston and N. Noble.

Representatives.—From Union Lodge, No. 2, Wm. Sheets; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Zerah T. Percival; Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19, Charles G. Taylor; Webb Lodge, No. 24, Samuel Fleming; Jefferson Lodge, No. 31, Daniel Kelso.

Visitor.—Samuel Henderson.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in ancient form, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatives aforesaid presented the Returns of their several Lodges and their credentials as representatives; which, on motion, were referred to a committee on Returns and Credentials consisting of Brothers Fleming and Percival.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Accounts.—Brothers SHEETS, FLEMING and PERCIVAL.
On Grievances.—Brothers HAND, TAYLOR and MORRIS.
On Charters and Dispensations.—Brothers MORRIS and FLEMING.
On Unfinished Business.—Brothers MORRIS and TAYLOR.
On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers PERCIVAL and SHEETS.
On Returns and Credentials.—Brothers FLEMING and PERCIVAL.
To examine attendant and visiting Brethren.—Brothers SHEETS and HAND.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. DANIEL KELSO, *G. M. pro tem.*

Attest:—A. W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, October 8, 1833.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. R. W., DANIEL KELSO, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother *Fleming*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the Returns and credentials referred to them, and find that the following Brethren are representatives:

William Sheets (by appointment), from Union Lodge, No. 2; Zerah T. Percival, (W. M.), Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; Charles G. Taylor, (by appointment), Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19; Samuel Fleming, (W. M.), Webb Lodge, No. 24; Daniel Kelso, (W. M.), Jefferson Lodge, No. 31.

Brother *Hand* offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn the present session, to meet at Masons' Hall, in Indianapolis, on Monday the 23d of December next; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to address each of the subordinate Lodges by letter, informing them of this adjournment; and that he urge upon them the importance of their being represented at the time above specified. And that he be further instructed to request the subordinate Lodges to particularly instruct their representatives, whether they are in favor of remitting to each subordinate Lodge in arrears to this Grand Lodge the amount of such arrearages or not; and if so, whether conditionally or unconditionally.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge adjourned, until the twenty-third day of December next, to meet at Masons' Hall, in INDIANAPOLIS.

DANIEL KELSO, *G. Master, pro tem.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

(ADJOURNED SESSION.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Monday, December 23, 1833.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

M. W., WOODBRIDGE PARKER, Grand Master.
R. W., DANIEL KELSO, Deputy Grand Master.
W., PHILIP MASON, P. G. M., Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" ZERAH T. PERCIVAL, Junior Grand Warden.
AUSTIN W. MORRIS, Grand Secretary.
CHARLES G. TAYLOR, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
JOHN FINLEY, Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem,*
JOHN P. MARTIN, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
CHARLES I. HAND, Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.—C. I. Hand, T. J. Evans, J. B. Martin and John Walker.

Past Masters.—Caleb B. Smith and Samuel Hanna.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, John B. Martin; Union Lodge, No. 2, A. W. Morris; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Zerah T. Percival; Washington Lodge, No. 13, Andrew C. Griffith; Warren Lodge, No. 15, Philip Mason and John Willey; Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19, Charles G. Taylor; Webb Lodge, No. 24, John Finley; Lafayette Lodge, No 28, John Walker; Jefferson Lodge, No. 31, Daniel Kelso; Tipton Lodge, No. 33, Gillis McBean.

Visitors.—Thomas Guion, M. D. Willet, B. I. Blythe, F. T. Luse, George Wilson, George Lockerby, Alexander Wiley and Abel Thornburg.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, Brothers Evans and Finley were added to the committee on Returns and Credentials.

The representatives aforesaid presented the Returns of their several Lodges, and their credentials as representatives; which were, on motion of Brother Kelso, referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials.

On motion, Brothers Mason, Morton and Percival were added to the committee on Accounts; Brothers Griffith, McBean and Taylor, to the committee on Grievances; Brothers Walker and Finley, to the committee on Charters and Dispensations; Brothers Hanna and Evans, to the committee on Unfinished Business; Brothers Kelso, Smith and Willey, to the committee on Foreign Correspondence; and Brothers Evans and Smith, to the committee to examine attendant and visiting Brethren.

Brother *Mason*, to whom was submitted the revision of the Grand Constitution, made the following report:

How far your committee have succeeded in meeting the wishes of the Grand Lodge, can only be determined by the decision of the Lodge upon its labors. Your committee have been much disappointed in performing their labors, in not having an opportunity of knowing the wishes of the Grand Lodge or its members, and not having access to the Constitution of any Grand Lodge but the one in Indiana; and regarding that as a very imperfect one, your committee have relied mostly on their own judgment in forming the draught of the one herewith presented, which changes

the character of the Grand Lodge in some material points, and should require some strong reasons for its adoption by the Grand Lodge.

The drooping condition of the Craft at present in Indiana, led your committee to the inquiry,—if it did not depend, in a great degree, on the manner in which the physical concerns of the Grand Lodge were managed? And the result of that inquiry, together with some experience in the affairs of the Grand Lodge, was a full conviction that if the present declining state of Masonry, or that want of Masonic energy that should ever characterize our Institution—founded and perpetuated for the purpose of improving the moral and social condition of man—did not depend upon a radical defect in the plan of government. A system or plan of government might be adopted by which our physical and social condition might be improved. Under the present Constitution, considerable funds were accumulated in the Grand Lodge from subordinate Lodges; and, to a considerable extent, those funds have been squandered by useless expenditures, or by default in the Grand Treasurers. Under the provisions of the copy now presented, the funds will be mostly expended in a manner intended to advance or improve the condition of the subordinate Lodges by diffusing Masonic intelligence, to not a few, but to each and every Mason that feels his obligations sufficient to attend the meetings of the Lodges in his neighborhood. But not only the diffusion of knowledge, but the correction of that irregularity so much practiced in most of the subordinate Lodges, in relation to almost every thing that appertains to the well-being and good government of any association or body of individuals.

That this irregularity, or want of compliance with what has been understood to be fixed rules, is too palpable to need comment; but if any is asked, it is only necessary to refer to reports of committees in Grand Lodges, and statements of members of that Body.

The plan of districting the State into districts, and electing Sub-deputy Grand Masters, with the power and duties assigned them, is, in the opinion of your committee, calculated not only to adopt a uniform system of working, but calculated to inspire a degree of emulation among the Lodges, and cure those that have become careless and negligent in the performance of their duty, or place them in such an attitude before the Grand Lodge as will deprive them entirely of the means of imposing upon themselves and such individuals as may be induced to seek for information in a Masonic Lodge to their great mortification.

Your committee are fully of opinion, which is drawn from considerable observation, that a great part of the want of Masonic prosperity is owing to the neglect and uncared-for attention to those vows made at the Masonic altar. Let Masonic Lodges practice upon those principles avowed and admitted to be the polar star to guide the Fraternity, and the time is not far distant when we shall see our Lodges crowded with the first members of society, and that happy conviviality and moral worth return that once made us the pride and envy of the world.

If this system of instruction, together with its moral and physical discipline, will not effect a change in the whole concern, your committee are unable to devise any plan by which the condition of the Craft is to be improved; they see no way but for the few that have, for the last few years in this section of the world, sustained and kept in existence our tottering Fabric, but to retire from the heat and burthen of the day, and let Masonry die a suicidal death, while its enemies, knaves and fools, sing its funeral dirge! Let us pause! Can we—shall we sit and endure all this? No! let us arise, in the majesty of our strength, and inquire if an Institution which has handed down, by her traditions, the relics of more enlightened

times to the time in which Masonry blazoned the world with the lights of science; and her moral code is not worth preserving, if it is not worth a struggle.

If the plan suggested by your committee is thought not to be the best one, adopt that which affords the best prospect of inspiring that Masonic feeling which will make us live, flourish and prosper in the midst of our enemies.

But to return from this digression. It will be perceived, from the duties assigned the Sub-deputies, that they are to constitute an important part of the Grand Lodge. It is through them that the Grand Lodge is to look for correct information in relation to the condition of the subordinate Lodges, and the condition of the Craft generally. It is by their labors we expect an improvement in Masonic intelligence,—the improvement in the moral and physical condition of the subordinate Lodges; and much reliance is placed in them, in keeping a regular chain of business in the Grand Lodge, by which its financial concerns may be better conducted than heretofore, and its guardian care better extended to the Fraternity, than by any other regulation which your committee are capable of devising.

The compensation to the Grand Secretary claims another important consideration. The committee had no accurate means of determining what would be a fair compensation. Again, the manner in which the principal part of his compensation is derived, will depend upon contingencies and render the amount uncertain; and hence arises the question,—would it not be better to fix the compensation for each particular duty at a fair price and no more? In relation to the provision for the office of Grand Treasurer, the committee have inserted a provision for bond and security, as the means of securing the Grand Lodge fund. But a question arises,—whether it would not be better, in addition to this, to require him to loan the money, in small sums, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to any individual, taking security and making the payment payable to the Grand Lodge as a corporate Body, and pay the Grand Treasurer a reasonable compensation, as would seem to be the provision in the Constitution now presented, and as it now exists in practice? Every individual that has been conversant in the affairs of the Grand Lodge, is well apprised that the funds of that Body, at least a large amount of them, have been lost in the hands of the Treasurer. Guard that as much as possible; there is much to be feared from that quarter. Money being that kind of slippery article, that it slips and is gone forever, and we hardly know where! If we rely upon the security, he is generally some Brother; and rather than compel him to pay any amount he may stand bound for in default of the principal, the Grand Lodge will exonerate him.

To conclude, your committee will barely remark, that, although much time and reflection have been bestowed upon the subject of a Grand Constitution, the committee are well aware that many points contained in its provisions are not without objections.

It had been intended to make this report much fuller and more precise; but the pressure of professional engagements was such as rendered it impossible; and the one now presented was drawn up by piecemeal. This will, in part it is hoped, account for its defects in phraseology.

Your committee thought proper to leave out of the copy of the Constitution now presented, the whole matter relative to a Grand Charity Fund; believing the objects of charitable provisions can be better effected by the subordinate Lodges than by the Grand Lodge; they being scattered over the whole State or community, can better apply the funds the Fraternity may have for charitable purposes, by being better acquainted with the subjects, than it is possible for the Grand Lodge. Your committee see no good reason for drawing money from the hands of the subordinate

Lodges, and vesting it in a Grand Charity Committee who must often act individually or not act at all, and thus subject the fund to frequent embarrassments, and not unlikely create great disappointments to individuals who may be so unfortunate as to be under the necessity of applying for relief from the Brotherhood,—the fund being exhausted by previous appropriations. Again, if the Grand Lodge, as a Body, should at any time feel disposed to aid any individual or set of individuals, by bestowing charity, she can do so by resolution, and its effect on the Treasury can at once be known.

The creation of the office of Sub-deputies with emoluments, and the payment of other officers, and the pay to representatives, claims an important consideration, both in a financial and moral point, As it relates to the finances, the compensation to Sub-deputies will constitute the only actual increase of expenditure to the whole Craft. In the opinion of your committee, the benefit the Fraternity will derive by the general improvement in the moral, physical and social relations of the Masonic associations, will doubly compensate for the expenditures; and independent of this consideration, the probable improvement that will be made, both in the finances of the subordinate Lodges and Grand Lodge by the introduction of a well-regulated system of finance, will produce a saving of funds nearly or quite equal to the amount expended in the pay to the Sub-deputies.

In relation to the pay of Grand Officers and representatives, it is but doing justice to those individuals; for an individual who is worthy and competent to serve any Body or Association of individuals, is worthy of remuneration for his services; in this, all must agree; as to the manner, there may be a difference of opinion, whether the amount should be paid by the subordinate Lodges, or the Grand Lodge. In this matter, your committee are decidedly in favor of the latter bearing that burthen; for they can see no reason why the Lodges remote from the place of the Grand Lodge meetings participating equally in the benefits resulting from an attendance on a Grand Lodge Communication, which they can not do if this provision is not adopted,—the expense being too great for the subordinate Lodges to bear.

Your committee view the different Masonic Associations as one great Masonic Family, operating for each other's benefit, in which each individual Mason or Association should share or partake, in as equal terms as possible; and as some Lodges must necessarily be situated near and others at a distance from the meetings of the Grand Lodge, it is thought by the committee that those living near should contribute something to the aid of those more remote; and to avoid the burthen that the subordinate Lodges and those at a great distance might create in the Grand Lodge, it is provided that the subordinate Lodges only receive a credit in the way of their dues to the Grand Lodge for the services of their representatives.

It may be complained that the payment of Grand Officers out of the Grand Lodge fund will be more than that fund will justify. In answer to that matter, it is presumed that most, if not all of the Grand Officers will be representatives of subordinate Lodges; and if a case should occur, in which a Grand Officer was not a representative, or the Lodge to which he belonged unable to pay his expense in attendance on Grand Lodge meeting, it would be hard on his part to serve for nothing; in fact, we should seldom see him in attendance; and hence, his services would be lost, however important they might be to the Grand Lodge.

The revised Constitution was then read, and on motion of Brother Martin, committed to a committee of the whole for to-morrow.

Brother *Martin*, District Agent for the first District, submitted the following report, which was read and laid on the table:

I visited Clay Lodge, No. 29, at Petersburg; and found, upon examination, that all operations of that Lodge had ceased since December, 1830; that their proceedings had not been regular; that they had failed to elect officers at the proper time. That there were no funds in their possession, and they could not settle their accounts; and believing it impossible, under present circumstances, that any good could result from a continuance of said Lodge, I seized and took in full possession all the property of said Lodge. These are deposited in Petersburg—one writing, two small tables, two columns, one set of tin jewels, one small ballot box, one old sword, candlesticks, rods and gavel—subject to the disposition of the Grand Lodge. The books and papers are in my possession, at Vincennes, and the Charter herewith presented. The probable value of all the property, is from three to four dollars.

On visiting Olive Branch Lodge, No. 10, at Evansville, I learned they had been unable to hold regular meetings for some length of time, and none since 1830. No funds on hand wherewith to discharge their account; and finding those members with whom I conversed willing to surrender their Charter, and believing it impossible to collect their dues, and considering their Charter forfeited, I demanded it, and took in possession the following property: One large Bible, one black velvet cushion, one chest, one writing desk, three small canvass paintings, gavels, rods, and some aprons; all of which are safely deposited in Evansville; and in my possession, there is also one set of silver jewels, one set of tin; book and papers of said Lodge; all of which are subject to such disposition as the Grand Lodge may think proper to make of them. The Charter is herewith presented. The probable value of the property of this Lodge, is forty or fifty dollars.

I next visited Philanthropic Lodge, No. 36, at Mount Vernon. Here I learned that much dissatisfaction had heretofore prevailed among the Brethren; that the proceeds of the Lodge had been badly managed,—their funds loaned out, and no money on hand wherewith to settle their accounts with the Grand Lodge. But the officers promised, most positively, that in future the Lodge business should be conducted with propriety and correctness; and believing there was, on the part of some, a determination to pay their dues to the Grand Lodge, and discovering, as I thought, considerable anxiety among those with whom I conversed, that the Lodge should be continued, I was induced to let them retain their Charter,—the Master and Wardens promising that the amount due the Grand Lodge should most positively be forwarded to *me* before this meeting of the Grand Lodge; but, in this particular, they have failed; and I believe, from the information received by a Brother since my visit there, they have failed in all their promises, and are now in great confusion. This Lodge has silver jewels, and good furniture.

I next called on Charity Lodge, No. 30, at Washington. Here I found, owing to the removal of some of the members and withdrawal of others, they have not been able to have a meeting of the Lodge since June, 18...; no money on hand to pay their dues to the Grand Lodge; and being informed by some of the members, that it was impossible, at present, for the Lodge to continue its labors, I seized and took in full possession their Charter, books and papers, also, four small tables, three columns and three gavels, which was all the property the Lodge was possessed of. The tables are safely deposited in Washington, the books and papers are in my possession,—all subject to such disposition as the Grand Lodge shall think proper to make of

them. The probable value of these things is from one to three dollars. The Charter is herewith presented.

On visiting Hindostan Lodge, No. 26, but few of the members were to be found; and the only information I could obtain, was, that the books and papers were left in the hands of the Secretary, at the time their Charter was arrested; that he is now dead, and it is not known where the books and papers are, or whether they can ever be obtained. The members inform me that the Lodge never had any jewels; that all the property the Lodge ever owned, would not amount in value to five dollars; and that there is no prospect of their ever paying their debt to the Grand Lodge. In consequence of this information, I conceived further exertions, on my part, would be useless.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges; which were referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Secretary also presented the following report, which was referred to the committee on Accounts:

To the M. W. Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren, of the Grand Lodge of Indiana:

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, submits the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge funds, since the first day of the last Annual Grand Communication to the 23d day of December, 1833, (both exclusive):

1832, Oct. 3d,	—Received of	Salem Lodge, No. 21,		$ 11 00
	do.	Warren Lodge, No. 15, for 1831,		10 50
	do.	do. do. 1832,		9 00
	do.	Washington Lodge, No. 13,		7 00
December,	do.	Brother Lanier, Past Grand Secretary,		19 11
1833, July,	do.	Webb Lodge, No. 24,		35 00
October,	do.	Tipton Lodge, No. 33,		31 00
Making in all,				$122 61
Amount due Grand Secretary, for services last year,			$ 24 62½	
1832, October,	—Amount paid for	stationery,	1 00	
November,	do.	" postage,	4 68¾	
	do.	Brother Coffin, Grand Tyler,	4 00	
	do.	Douglas & Maguire, for printing,	19 50	
Thirty-nine letters (12 of 500 words, and 27 of 400),			10 50	
Services, from first day of last to first day of present Communication; copying Proceedings for printer, copying accounts of Lodges in arrears, and forwarding them to District Agents, with letters of instructions,			75 00	
				139 31¼
Amount due Grand Secretary,				$ 16 70¼

Brother *Finley* presented the workings, etc., of Webb Lodge, (U. D.); which were, on motion of Brother Martin, referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Mason*, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing twelve months; Brothers Smith and Taylor acting as tellers. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected:

M. W., Philip Mason (of Connersville), Grand Master.
R. W., John B. Martin (of Vincennes), Deputy Grand Master.
W., Zerah T. Percival (of Lawrenceburg), Senior Grand Warden.
" John Finley (of Richmond), Junior Grand Warden.
M. R., Henry M. Shaw (of Vincennes), Grand Chaplain.
Andrew C. Griffith (of Brownstown), Grand Orator.
Austin W. Morris (of Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.
John Walker (of Shelbyville), Grand Treasurer.
Charles Taylor (of Terre Haute), Grand Marshal.
B. J. Blythe (of Indianapolis), Senior Grand Deacon.
John Willey (of Connersville), Junior Grand Deacon.
T. M. Smith (of Indianapolis), Grand Pursuivant.
Charles I. Hand (of Indianapolis), Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to select a site for the next Grand Lodge for the ensuing year; Brothers Taylor and Smith acting as tellers. Whereupon, it appeared, on counting the ballots, that the town of Indianapolis was duly selected.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow evening at six o'clock.

WOODBRIDGE PARKER, *G. Master.*

Attest:—A. W. Morris, *G. Sec'y.*

Tuesday, December 24, 1833.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at six o'clock P. M.—M. W., Woodbridge Parker, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Mason*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That there has come into the hands of the Grand Secretary, since the first day of the last Annual Grand Communication, and since the last settlement, up to the first day of the present term,—

Cash, of Salem Lodge, No. 21,		$11 00
do. Warren Lodge, No. 15, (estimated),		19 50
do. Washington Lodge, No. 13, (estimated),		9 00
Amount from late Grand Secretary,		19 11
do. Webb Lodge, No. 24,		35 00
do. Tipton Lodge, No. 33,		31 00
Total amount,		$124 61
Amount disbursed.—For printing,	$19 50	
For writing letters to subordinate Lodges,	10 50	
Postage on letters sent and received,	4 68¾	
Stationery,	1 00	
Fee to Grand Tyler,	4 00	
Services from first day of last to first day of present session,	75 00	
Balance due on settlement, October, 1832,	26 62½	
		141 31¼
Balance due Grand Secretary,		$16 70¼

It appears, from the Grand Secretary's books, that he has performed both the duties of Secretary and Treasurer, for the last two years, and that the above con-

tains all that can be ascertained in relation to the Grand Lodge fund at this time, except a report of a committee at the Annual Grand Communication for 1832, which states,—that Brother Gregg, late Grand Treasurer, was indebted to the Grand Lodge, $455 50, and that a resolution was adopted, authorizing the Grand Secretary to cite Brother Gregg to be and appear before the Grand Lodge. Your committee were informed that Brother Gregg died insolvent, since the adoption of the aforesaid resolution; and from all that your committee are able to learn by proceedings of previous Grand Lodges, books and papers of Grand Secretary or otherwise, the only available funds of the Grand Lodge are the dues from subordinate Lodges.

In consequence of a large number of the subordinate Lodges not having made reports, it is impossible to make any calculation of the amount that may be collected from that source. Your committee regret that the books of the Grand Secretary did not set out more fully the particular items, so that an exact estimate could have been made of his services,—instead of the sum of seventy-five dollars in part pay from the first day of the last Grand Communication to the first day of the present one. Your committee are inclined to the opinion, that the aforesaid sum of seventy-five dollars is high.

As the adoption of a revision of the Grand Constitution—by which it is hoped the duties of Grand Officers will be better defined, and the Treasury better protected—is anticipated, your committee decline any recommendation, except the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will not require any Grand Officer or Grand Committee, hereafter, to include and account for any moneys that come into the hands of any Grand Officer prior to the report accompanying this resolution.

Brother *Finley*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That they have examined the proceedings of Webb Lodge, (U. D.), and find them correct. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to *Webb Lodge*, No. 24, without expense (except three dollars for Grand Secretary); and that SAMUEL FLEMING be the first Master thereof, *John Finley*, the Senior Warden, and *William S. Addleman*, the Junior Warden.

Brother *Percival*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have examined the communications from our sister Grand Lodges of North Carolina, Mississippi, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Louisiana, New York, Kentucky, South Carolina, Connecticut, Virginia and Florida. They find nothing requiring special notice, except the report of the Grand Lodge of Florida on foreign communications, which they respectfully recommend to this Grand Lodge to concur in. They also recommend a continuance of Fraternal interchange of correspondence.

Brother *Percival*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the Returns and credentials referred to them, and find that the following Brethren are representatives:

John B. Martin (by appointment), from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; Austin W. Morris (by appointment), Union Lodge, No. 2; Zerah T. Percival, (W. M.), Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; A. C. Griffith (by appointment), Washington Lodge, No. 13;

John Willey (S. W.), Warren Lodge, No. 15; Charles G. Taylor, (by appointment), Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19; John Walker (by appointment), Lafayette Lodge, No. 28; Daniel Kelso (W. M.), Jefferson Lodge, No. 31; Gillis McBean, (by appointment), Tipton Lodge, No. 33.

The credentials of Brothers Griffith, Taylor and Walker are not accompanied with the seals of their said Lodges. Your committee, having no doubt of the said Brothers being the choice of their respective Lodges, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother A. C. Griffith be received as the representative from Washington Lodge, No. 13; C. G. Taylor, from Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19, and J. Walker, from Lafayette Lodge, No. 28.

Brother *Morris*, District Agent for the third district, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, referred to a committee consisting of Bothers Martin, Mason and Percival:

That in October last, he called upon such of the Brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, at Columbus, as he was informed best understood the situation of that Lodge; from whom he ascertained, that nothing had been done since the last Charter had been granted. He then endeavored to get into his possession the jewels and furniture of said Lodge, but was unable to find them, owing to the absence from home of the person in whose charge they were. He left an order with Brother Herod of that place for the property, but Brother Wade, the late Master, refused to give it up, upon the plea that the amount paid for the last Charter should be refunded to them.

To all the other Lodges in his district, letters have been written, and immediate answers requested.

From Webb Lodge, No. 24, an answer was received, and thirty-five dollars paid, which the Agent agreed should be in full for all dues against said Lodge. Subsequently said Lodge surrendered her Charter to the Grand Lodge, and received a Dispensation.

From Tipton Lodge, No. 33, Returns for 1832 and 1833, and thirty-one dollars were received; which amount is in full of all dues up to this date.

From Bloomington Lodge, No. 22, nothing has been heard officially. From the last Master of that Lodge, I have, however, understood that no meetings have been had for three years; that they have considerable property, and expect to surrender it; and that probably they may apply, at some future period, for a Dispensation for a new Lodge.

From Wayne Lodge, No. 25, nothing has been heard. From the best information that can be obtained, they have continued to work regularly, and are in a flourishing condition. They have several hundred dollars' worth of property, consisting of furniture, a Hall, and a lot of ground in Fort Wayne. It was expected that they would have been represented at this Grand Communication. It is with the Grand Lodge to say in what manner this Lodge shall be dealt with.

In relation to St. John's and Bloomington Lodges, the Agent recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Charters of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, and Bloomington Lodge, No. 23, be, and they are hereby arrested, and all the property of said Lodges forfeited to this Grand Lodge: *Provided, however*, that the same shall be returned to them, on the establishment of new Lodges in Columbus and Bloomington within one year.

On motion of Brother *Martin*, the report submitted by him as District Agent was taken up and referred to the last named committee.

Brother *Kelso*, District Agent for the fourth district, made the following report, which was read and referred to the last named committee:

I went to Benevolent Lodge, (U. D.), at Murray's Mills. They had no property that was worth taking, but said there was money due said Lodge for initiations, etc.; and that they would pay up. I went a second time, but got nothing.

I next went to Union Lodge, No. 2, at Madison; and found that Lodge in a tolerable condition. They had been taxed high for their property for street purpose; had but little noney on hand, if any. They made up and paid me $8 50, and promised to be represented at this Grand Lodge.

I next inquired concerning Solomon Lodge, No. 27; and found that there was some property; but that Union Lodge had large claims against Solomon Lodge, for house rent, etc, and had the property in possession, and was not disposed to meddle with the same. But Union Lodge, disposed to favor the Grand Lodge, passed a resolution remitting all claims against Solomon Lodge, No. 27. I then took one elegant carpet, one set of common windsor chairs, two shall columns, one ballot box, etc.; all of which is deposited with Union Lodge, subject to the order of this Grand Lodge. Probable value, twenty-five or thirty dollars.

I next visited Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; and found them in a reasonably good condition; their books are in good order, and much money due them, some of which, I was told, they had judgments for. They paid me nothing, but promised to be represented at this Grand Lodge.

Harmony Lodge, No. 11, at Brookville, I did not visit. I wrote two several letters to them; but received no answer. I am informed, however, that they are doing no business.

Jennings Lodge, No. 17, at Vernon, I did not visit. I wrote to them, but got no answer. I intended to call on them, on my way to this place, but was prevented by sickness from doing so.

Your Agent humbly hopes this course may meet the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Mason*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother John Finley be received as the representative from Webb Lodge, No. 24, and take his seat as such.

The Grand Lodge then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the Grand Constitution; and, after some time spent in the consideration thereof, reported progress and asked leave to sit again, which was not granted; and thereupon, the committee was discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion, the revised Constitution was then referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Mason, Martin, Finley, Percival, Hanna, Parker and Morris.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That each and every Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge shall be absolved from the payment of any dues or loans owing to this Grand Lodge up to this date; and that the same are hereby unconditionally remitted; and that all the Lodges, so in arrears to this Grand Lodge, failing to be represented at the next Annual Grand Communication, unless prevented by some unavoidable cause, shall be stricken from the list of Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock. WOODBRIDGE PARKER, *G. Master.*

Attest:—A. W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, October 25, 1833.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at two o'clock P. M.—M. W., WOODBRIDGE PARKER, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Mason*, from the committee to whom were referred the reports of the District Agents, made the following report:

Your committee recommend the adoption of the resolution contained in the report of the District Agent, Brother Morris; and approve of the course taken by him with Webb Lodge, No. 24.

From the report of Brother Kelso as District Agent, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Dispensation granted to Benevolent Lodge be arrested, and said Lodge stricken from the roll of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, further, That the Charter of Solomon Lodge, No. 27, be arrested, and said Lodge be stricken from the roll of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge; and that the property of said Lodge, now in the hands of Union Lodge, be and remain in the hands of said Lodge, subject to the order of this Grand Lodge.

The committee recommend the course taken by Brother Martin, as District Agent, with Clay Lodge, No. 29; and that said Lodge be stricken from the list of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, and the whole property of said Lodge, now in the hands of Brother Martin, be and remain in his hands, subject to the order of this Grand Lodge; and further, they recommend the approval of the course taken by Brother Martin with Charity Lodge, No. 30; and that said Lodge be stricken from the list of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge; and the property of said Lodge, now in the hands of Brother Martin, be and remain in his hands, subject to the order of this Grand Lodge.

The committee also recommend the approval of the course taken by Brother Parker as District Agent, with Zif Lodge, No. 8, and the transfer of the property of said Lodge to Albany Lodge, (U. D.); and further, that Jerusalem Lodge, No. 38; Palestine Lodge, No. 14; Posey Lodge, No. 9, and Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, be stricken from the roll of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge; and that the property of said Posey and Pisgah Lodges be and remain subject to the order of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until seven o'clock this evening.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., WOODBRIDGE PARKER, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Mason*, from the committee to whom was referred the revised Constitution, reported the same to the Grand Lodge with sundry amendments, which were agreed to; and, after some further amendments by the Grand Lodge, the revised Constitution was adopted.

On motion of Brother *Mason*, the State was divided into seven Grand Visiting Districts, as follows:

First district—Vincennes, Philanthropic and Hiram Lodges. Second district—Terre Haute and Perry Lodges. Third district—Tipton and Wayne Lodges. Fourth district—Webb, Warren, Liberty and Harmony Lodges. Fifth district—Lawrenceburg Jefferson, Rising Sun and Union Lodges. Sixth district—Salem, Albany, Blazing Star and Washington Lodges. Seventh district—Lafayette and Hamilton Lodges.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother Philip Mason be, and he is hereby appointed to contract for and superintend the printing of one hundred and fifty copies of the revised Constitution; and that, when printed, he distribute the same as follows: two to each subordinate Lodge, one to each Grand Officer, and one to each Grand Lodge in the United States; and that he be authorized to borrow such sum as may be necessary to defray the expense thereof, upon the faith of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge went into an election of Grand Visitors; Brothers Taylor and Percival acting as tellers. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected,—(those of the first third and fifth districts to serve for three years; the second and fourth, for two years; and the sixth and seventh, for one year):

For the first district, Brother John B. Martin, of Vincennes; second district, Charles G. Taylor, of Terre Haute; third district, Hiram H. Todd, of Logansport; fourth district, John Willey, of Connersville; fifth district, Daniel Kelso, of York; sixth district, Woodbridge Parker, of Salem; seventh district, Charles I. Hand, of Indianapolis.

On motion of Brother *Mason*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary shall not procure the printing of the Proceedings of the present Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Secretary shall make out and furnish Brother Mason, in time to circulate with the Grand Constitution, a certificate of the election of each Grand Visitor, including a copy of the resolution remitting the dues to subordinate Lodges, and the time of the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Martin*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge closes, it will be to meet at Masons' Hall, in Indianapolis, on the second Monday of December, 1834.

On motion of Brother *Martin*, the sum of ten dollars was allowed to Brother Hand, as a compensation for his services as Grand Tyler at the present session.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Brother J. B. Martin be allowed the sum of twenty-four dollars, for his services as Agent for the Grand Lodge in the first district; and that the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to enter to the credit of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, as a loan from said Lodge to this Grand Lodge, the amount specified, and that Brother Martin receive the same from Vincennes Lodge.

Resolved, That Brother Daniel Kelso be, and he is hereby appointed agent of this Grand Lodge, to receive all Notes belonging to it in the hands of Brother J. F. D. Lanier; and that he proceed immediately to the collection of the same, and when

collected, pay the same over to the Grand Secretary. And that he procure from Brother Lanier the record books of this Grand Lodge, and transmit them to the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That Brother Woodbridge Parker be appointed an agent for this Grand Lodge, to settle with Brother Marston G. Clark, P. G. M., for any moneys that may have been loaned to him by this Grand Lodge (the evidences of which are not in the possession of this Grand Lodge); and that he report his proceedings as soon as practicable, to the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That Brother Daniel Kelso be allowed the sum of six dollars and fifty cents—the balance due him after deducting fifty cents received of Union Lodge—for his services as District Agent in the fourth district,—out of any moneys in the Grand Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock. WOODBRIDGE PARKER, *G. Master.*

Attest:—A. W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, December 26, 1833.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock A. M.—M. W., WOODBRIDGE PARKER, G. M., presiding.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of its officers elect. Whereupon, all below the degree of Past Master withdrew, and a Lodge of Past Masters was opened.—M. W., WOODBRIDGE PARKER, G. M., presiding.

Brother Philip Mason was duly installed Most Worshipful Grand Master, and John B. Martin, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana for the ensuing twelve months.

The Past Masters' Lodge was then duly closed, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to labor as before.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

The other Grand Officers elect were then duly installed.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was duly closed, to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of INDIANAPOLIS, on the second Monday in December, A. L. 5834, A. D. 1834.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., DEC. 8, A. L. 5834, A. D. 1834.

M. W., DANIEL KELSO, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on Monday, the eighth day of December, A. L. 5834, A. D. 1834.—Present.

M. W., PHILIP MASON, Grand Master.
R. W., DANIEL KELSO, Deputy Grand Master.
W., JOHN FINLEY, Senior Grand Warden.
" CALEB B. SMITH, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
M. R., HENRY M. SHAW, Grand Chaplain.
AUSTIN W. MORRIS, Grand Secretary.
JOHN WALKER, Grand Treasurer.
CHAUNCY CARTER, Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
JAMES R. MENDENHALL, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
FLEMING T. LUSE, Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

Representatives.—From Salem Lodge, No. 21, Levi P. Lockhart; Webb Lodge, No. 24, J. Finley; Tipton Lodge, No. 33, C. Carter; Albany Lodge, (U. D.), S. Whitman.

Visitors.—J. Latshaw, ... Cogswell, J. R. Mendenhall and C. B. Smith.

The Grand Lodge was opened, with prayer by the M. R. Grand Chaplain, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatives aforesaid presented the Returns of their several Lodges and their credentials as representatives; which, on motion, were referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Kelso and Whitman.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Accounts.—Brothers FINLEY, CARTER and LOCKHART.
On Grievances.—Brothers WALKER, FINLEY and SMITH.
On Charters and Dispensations.—Brothers KELSO and WALKER.
On Unfinished Business.—Brothers MORRIS and FINLEY.
On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers FINLEY, WHITMAN and WALKER.
On Returns and Credentials.—Brothers KELSO and WHITMAM.
On Claims.—Brothers SMITH, KELSO and FINLEY.
To examine attendant and visiting Brethren.—Brothers KELSO and LOCKHART.

On motion, Brothers Smith, Kelso, Whitman and Walker were appointed a committee, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of this Grand Lodge surrendering its Charter. And if such surrender should be deemed advisable, to report such resolutions as may dispose of the property of the Grand Lodge and that of the subordinate Lodges, as may seem just and expedient.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow evening at seven o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—A. W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, December 9, 1834.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at seven o'clock, P. M. M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Kelso*, the Grand Treasurer had leave of absence for the remainder of the session, and leave to dispense with a formal report as Grand Treasurer, inasmuch as no funds have come into his hands during the past year.

Brother Zerah T. Percival, from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, entered, presented the Return of said Lodge and his credentials as representative; which were referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials.

Brother *Kelso* presented the petition of A. H. Read and others, Brethren of Ripley county, praying that a Dispensation be granted as a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons; which was read and referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Kelso, Whitman and Percival.

Brother *Kelso*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the Returns and credentials referred to them, and find that the following Brethren are representatives:

Zerah T. Percival, (W. M.), Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; Levi P. Lockhart (by appointment), Salem Lodge, No. 21; John Finley (by appointment), Webb Lodge, No. 24; Chauncy Carter (W. M.), Tipton Lodge, No. 33; Shephard Whitman (W. M.), New Albany Lodge, (U. D.).

The M. W. Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge, that he did, on the ..... day of May, 1834, install the officers of Webb Lodge, No. 24, agreeably to the ancient usages of the Fraternity.

Brother *Finley*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have examined the communications from the Grand Lodges of Ohio, New York, Vermont, Rhode Island or Providence Plantations, North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Maryland and Kentucky, and find nothing worthy of the special notice of this Grand Lodge, except from Vermont and Rhode Island.

The committee recommend the hearty thanks of all good Masons, for the persevering and yet conciliating manner in which the Grand Lodges in those States continue their labors, in the midst of the most rancorous opposition; and the committee would recommend the reciprocal continuance of correspondence with all of the aforesaid Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow evening, at seven o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—A. W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, December 10, 1834.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at seven o'clock, P. M. M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Morris*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, reported,—that they could find nothing unfinished at the last session, and, therefore, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; which was accordingly granted.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge his annual report; which was read and referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Smith*, from the committee apppointed to inquire into the expediency of this Grand Lodge surrendering its Charter, made a report, which was read and unanimously concurred in. (Brother Smith's report was sent out to be printed and handed to Brother Mason).

Brother *Kelso*, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Brother Read and others, made the following report, which was read and the resolution concurred in:

Although the strict letter of the Grand Constitution seems to require, that the approbation of some regular Lodge—bearing the seal of such Lodge—is necessary to warrant this Grand Lodge in granting a Dispensation, yet your committee are of opinion that the real intent and meaning of said clause in the Constitution was only to preserve the Grand Lodge from being imposed upon by false representations; and your committee are further of opinion, that where good proof of the honest intentions of Brethren can be had, otherwise than by the course prescribed by the Constition, that the spirit of the Constitution making such requisition is fully complied with; and your committee are further of opinion, that to compel those desirous of assembling themselves together as regular Lodges to procure the certificate under seal of some regular Lodge, etc., would be at this time utterly out of question.

Your committee would, therefore, in view of all foregoing premises, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Dispensation be granted to James H. Cravens, Archibald A. Read, Johnson Watts and their associates, for the porpose of enabling them to meet in the town of Versailles, in the county of Ripley, as a regular Lodge of Masons, to be known by the name of *Ripley Lodge;* and that Brother JAMES H. CRAVENS be the first Master thereof, *Archibald A. Read*, the Senior Warden, and *Johnson Watts*, the Junior Warden.

Brother *Finley*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report:

From the account of the Grand Secretary, it appears that there has come into his hands, since the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, funds of said Lodge to the amount of, ... $ 89 00

And there appears to have been a balance due the Grand Secretary, at the close of the last Annual Communication, $16 70, which, together with the fees for subsequent services and expenses, amounts to, ... 25 02

Leaving a balance in favor of the Grand Lodge,..... $ 63 98

No funds have come into the hands of the Grand Treasurer, since his term of office; and as the Grand Lodge funds were exhausted at the time of his election to that office, the above named balance appears to be all the available funds of said Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Finley*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge vote ten dollars to New Albany Lodge, (U. D.), in the event of a Charter being received by said Lodge at its present Communication.

Brother *Kelso*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and the first resolution adopted:

Your committee have examined the workings of New Albany Lodge, and a copy of By-Laws presented with them; and find the workings regular, and nothing in the By-Laws that contravenes any of the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. The petitioners pray for a Charter to constitute a regular Lodge; and your committee deem their prayer reasonable, and would respectfully suggest the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to the petitioners, by the name of *New Albany Lodge*, No. 39; and that Brother SHEPHARD WHITMAN be the first Master thereof, *William Hurst*, the Senior Warden, and *Alexander McClelland*, the Junior Warden.

Resolved, further, That said Lodge shall not be required to pay any other fee for said Charter, except the fee due to the Grand Secretary therefor.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing twelve months; Brothers Kelso and Whitman acting as tellers. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected:

M. W., DANIEL KELSO (of York), Grand Master.
R. W., CALEB B. SMITH (of Connersville), Deputy Grand Master.
W., JOHN FINLEY (of Richmond), Senior Grand Warden.
" SHEPHERD WHITMAN (of New Albany), Junior Grand Warden.
M. R., HENRY M. SHAW (of Vincennes), Grand Chaplain.
PHILIP MASON (of Connersville), Grand Lecturer.
AUSTIN W. MORRIS (of Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.
JOHN WALKER (of Shelbyville), Grand Treasurer.
PHILIP MASON (of Connersville), Senior Grand Deacon.
F. T. LUSE (of Indianapolis), Junior Grand Deacon.
CHARLES I. HAND (of Indianapolis), Grand Steward and Tyler.
ZERAH T. PERCIVAL (of Lawrenceburg), Grand Visitor for fifth District.
LEVI LOCKHART (of Salem), Grand Visitor for sixth District.
CHARLES I. HAND (of Indianapolis), Grand Visitor for seventh District.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to select a site for the next Grand Lodge for the ensuing twelve months; Brothers Kelso and Whitman acting as tellers. On counting the ballots, it appeared that INDIANAPOLIS was duly selected.

Brother *Kelso* offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Grand Communication be on the second Monday of December, 1835.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow evening at six o'clock.

PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—A. W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, December 11, 1834.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at six o'clock P. M.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect. After all the Brethren present below the degree of Past Master had withdrawn, a Lodge of Past Masters was opened in ancient form.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M. presiding.

Brother Daniel Kelso was then duly installed Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brother Caleb B. Smith Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

The Past Masters' Lodge was then closed, and the Grand Lodge resumed labor in the third degree of Masonry.—M. W., DANIEL KELSO, G. M., presiding.

The other Grand Officers elect were then duly installed, and severally assumed their stations and places.

On motion of Brother *Mason*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary cite all Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge (who have failed to pay up their dues for the last twelve months), to be and appear at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, and show cause, if they can, why they should not be stricken from the roll of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother Whitman, the Grand Lodge resolved that an abstract of its proceedings be printed; and the Grand Secretary was directed to send two copies thereof to all the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and one copy to each Grand Lodge in the United States, and one to each Grand Officer.

On motion, further time was given Brother Kelso to settle as agent of this Grand Lodge, and report his settlement with Brother Lanier who holds books and notes of the Grand Lodge in his possession.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the Grand Constitution as requires the Grand Secretary to draw orders upon the Grand Treasurer for the payment of claims, be dispensed with, at this time; and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to settle the claims accruing on account of the present Communication,—that is, dividing the funds now on hands in an equitable manner among the claimants.

Resolved, That a Dispensation be granted to Center Lodge, No. 23, on condition of their petitioning for said Dispensation; and that the Grand Secretary will certify to the Grand Master that the petitioners are Master Masons.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was duly closed, to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of INDIANAPOLIS, on the second Monday in December, 1835.

DANIEL KELSO, *G. Master.*

Attest:—A. W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., DEC. 14, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

M. W., JOHN B. MARTIN, *Grand Master.*

At an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on Monday, the fourteenth day of December, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.—Present,

M. W., Daniel Kelso, Grand Master.
R. W., Caleb B. Smirh, Deputy Grand Master.
W., Philip Mason, P. G. M., Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" Shepherd Whitman, Junior Grand Warden.
M. R., Henry M. Shaw, Grand Chaplain.
Austin W. Morris, Grand Secretary.
John Walker, Grand Treasurer.
S. I. Stewart, Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
J. L. Hogin, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
Zerah T. Percival, Grand Pursuivant.
S. D. Rooker, Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

Past Grand Officers.—John B. Martin, and Charles I. Hand,

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Henry M. Shaw; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Zerah T. Percival; Harmony Lodge, No. 11, John Allen; Warren Lodge, No. 15, Philip Mason; Salem Lodge, No. 21, L. P. Lockhart; Center Lodge, No. 23, Charles I. Hand; Webb Lodge, No. 24, Daniel Kelso; Lafayette Lodge, No. 28, John Walker; Tipton Lodge, No. 33, Gillis McBean; New Albany Lodge, No. 39, Shepherd Whitman; Clark Lodge, No. 40, Samuel J. Stewart and F. D. Lemon.

Visitors.—Brothers James H. Cravens, A. H. Reed, J. L. Hogin, John Foster, Amos Clark and Thomas B. Thompson.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ancient form, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatives aforesaid presented the Returns of their several Lodges, and their credentials as representatives; which were, on motion, referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Mason and Hand.

The Grand Lodge ordered that further time be given to such of the Grand Visitors, as are not ready to report on this day agreeably to the Grand Constitution.

Brother *Mason*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the Returns and credentials referred to them, and find that the following Brethren are representatives:

Zerah T. Percival, (W. M.), from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; John Allen, (W. M.), Harmony Lodge, No. 11; Philip Mason, (W. M.), Warren Lodge, No. 15; Levi P. Lockhart, (by appointment), Salem Lodge, No. 21; Charles I. Hand, (W. M.), Center Lodge, No. 23; Daniel Kelso, (by appointment), Webb Lodge, No. 24; John Walker, (by appointment), Lafayette Lodge, No. 28; Gillis McBean, (by appointment), Tipton Lodge, No. 33; Shepherd Whitman, (by appointment), New Albany Lodge, No. 39; Samuel Stewart, (W. M.), Clark Lodge, No. 40.

The committee would suggest to the Grand Lodge, that most of the Returns are deficient in form, but seem to have been made out in good faith; therefore, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing named Brethren be received as the representatives of the Lodges named.

On motion of Brother *Whitman*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary furnish each representative now present with a blank Return, in proper and legal form.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Accounts.—Brothers Shaw, Stewart and Hand.
On Grievances.—Brothers Walker, Lockhart and Lemon.
On Charters and Dispensations.—Brothers Smith, Lockhart and Percival.
On Unfinished Business.—Brothers Morris and Leman.
On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers Whitman, Walker and Hand.
On Returns and Credentials.—Brothers Mason and Hand.
On Claims.—Brothers Lockhart, Stewart and Shaw.
To examine attendant and visiting Brethren.—Brothers Mason and Whitman.

On motion of Brother *Mason*, the workings of Clark and Center Lodges, (which are now applying for Charters), were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow evening at six o'clock.

DANIEL KELSO, *G. Master.*

Attest:—A. W. Morris, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, December 15, 1835.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at six o'clock P. M.—M. W., DANIEL KELSO, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Whitman* laid before the Grand Lodge for its consideration, the papers and evidence in regard to the expulsion of John F. Flannery, by New Albany Lodge, No. 39; which were read and referred to the committee on Grievances.

Brother *Whitman*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

During the past year, there has been received by the Grand Secretary, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire, Mississippi, and the Territories of the Floridas.

Your committee are highly pleased to find in these documents substantial evidence of the growing prosperity of our Institution in those places. Masonry, the oldest and most elevated of moral institutions, has survived the wreck of empires and kingdoms; and ever will, so long as one spark of moral light and fraternal feeling remain in the human heart; her Institution will flourish, her assemblies attended, and her benign influence be felt, where the white lamb-skin is worthily worn.

Although the ruthless tongue of slander has attempted to fix an indellible stain upon her very name, yet she wears innocence for her robes and integrity for her ornaments. Fixed on such a basis, long will she endure to bless and felicitate future generations in all time to come.

Your committee, therefore, would most respectfully recommend to this Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodges of the different States, and all subordinate Lodges, the cultivation of union, confidence and Brotherly love.

On motion, the sum of eight dollars and fourteen cents was allowed to Warren Lodge, No. 15, for moneys expended by that Lodge for the use of the Grand Lodge in 1834.

On motion of Brother *Lockhart*, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Salem Lodge, No. 21, has, sometime since, lost their Charter by stealth or otherwise (though not by any neglect of said Lodge), and being anxious to continue as a regular Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That a Charter be granted by this Grand Lodge, to Salem Lodge, No. 21, free of any fee therefor (the Grand Secretary's fee excepted).

Brother *Martin*, Grand Visitor for the first district, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That he has, during the last year, visited the Lodges in his district, and found the Craft generally in harmony.

Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, is (as will be seen by their Return) in a prosperous situation.

Philanthropic Lodge, No. 36, at Mt. Vernon, is in a state of confusion; some dissensions among its members, and not able, at present, to hold its regular meetings; they have neglected to pay their annual contribution to the Grand Lodge, or make their Returns; and not more than four or five Masons are willing to meet and attend the Lodge.

Hiram Lodge, No. 18, at Carlisle, has ceased its labors or workings, for some time—say for two years past; and in consequence of the death of some and the removal of others of its members, there appears no prospect of its being resuscitated again.

Brother *Percival*, Grand Visitor for the sixth district, made the following report:

That he was at Rising Sun, and was informed by a Brother there, that they had not had a meeting of the Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, for a number of months, and knew not when they would.

He has also been at Hartford, and was informed that Jefferson Lodge, No. 31, had not met for about two years; and your Grand Visitor, from his own knowledge, believes they will never reinstate and work again, under their present Charter.

He did not visit Union Lodge, No. 2, at Madison, as it would be attended with considerable expense to this Grand Lodge, and little or no benefit,—and for other reasons; but is informed, that they are performing some labor there.

He has used every exertion in his power to reinstate Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; but cannot boast of their work; yet, he believes, they will meet regularly from this time, as they have admitted several new members, and held an election at the last stated meeting; and some of them appear, at present, to be determined to pursue their labors.

Which report, on motion of Brother *Morris*, was amended, by adding the following resolutions, and then concurred in:

Resolved, That Jefferson Lodge, No. 31, at Hartford, be stricken from the list of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, further, That should the Brethren of Hartford apply for a Dispensation for a new Lodge within one year, the jewels of Jefferson Lodge, No. 31, shall be transferred and granted to such new Lodge.

Resolved, further, That until such time, Brother Daniel Kelso, G. M., be authorized to take possession of the property of said Jefferson Lodge, in the name of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Rising Sun Lodge No. 6, be, and the same is hereby stricken from the list of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge: *Provided*, that if said Lodge shall apply for a Dispensation within one year, and commence in good faith as a new Lodge, then and in that case, their jewels, furniture and property, of all kinds whatsoever, shall be returned to said new Lodge; until which time, Brother Zerah T. Percival, Grand Visitor of the sixth District, is hereby appointed an agent for this Grand Lodge, to take into his possession all the property of said Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6.

Brother *Percival*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report:

Your committee have examined the By-Laws and workings of Center Lodge, (U. D.), and find them correct; the committee would state, however, that one clause of the By-Laws seems rather to conflict with the Grand Constitution, to-wit: in the matter of dividing the fees, charging and receiving the whole amount for initiating, passing and raising at once. Your committee would further state, that as Center Lodge has once paid this Grand Lodge twenty-five dollars for a Charter, and are just recommencing with heavy expenses of house rent, etc., to provide for,—that she be allowed a Charter free of expenses.

As relates to the By-Laws and workings of Clark Lodge, (U. D.), we find that her By-Laws are good, with the same exception as in the case of Center Lodge. Her workings have not been forwarded; but her Return shows her a most prosperous Lodge. We recommend that this Lodge be allowed a Charter, also; and that both Center and Clark Lodges be directed to amend the provisions of their By-Laws

On motion of Brother *Hand*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Charter now issue to *Center Lodge*, No. 23, on her paying to the Grand Secretary his fees for issuing the same; and that JAMES L. HOGIN be the first Master thereof, *John Foster*, the Senior Warden, and *John Williams*, the Junior Warden.

On motion of Brother *Mason*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Liberty Lodge, No. 35, be stricken from the list of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Visitor will be authorized to take possession of the jewels and furniture of every description, and hold the same subject to the order of the Grand Lodge: *Provided, however*, that should said Lodge commence work by applying for a Dispensation, or commence under their present Charter, within six months from this time,—then this resolution to be of non-effect.

On motion of Brother *Stewart*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Charter now issue to *Clark Lodge*, No. 40, on their paying the Grand Secretary his fees for issuing the same; and that THOMAS D. LEMON be the first Master thereof, *B. C. Pile*, the Senior Warden, and *R. S. Heiskill*, the Junior Warden.

On motion of Brother *Walker*, Brother Whitman was added to the committee on Grievances.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow evening at six o'clock.

DANIEL KELSO, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, December 16, 1835.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at six o'clock P. M.—M. W., DANIEL KELSO, G. M., presiding.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge the following report, which was read and referred to the committee on Accounts:

Receipts and expenditures on account of the Grand Lodge, from the first day of the last to the first day of the present Grand Communication (both inclusive):

There was in the hands of the Grand Secretary, at the making of the last report,		$ 63 98
Received,—from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4,		10 00
Balance of New Albany Lodge, (U. D.),		6 25
Making the total of receipts,		$ 80 23
Paid out since last report, as per vouchers,	$ 75 27	
To amount for Clark and Center Lodges,	6 00	
Writing thirteen citations (of 200 words on an average),	2 43	
Postage on letters sent and received, to February,	2 06¼	
Paper and postage, since that time to the present,	2 06¼	
Total amount of expenditures,		90 49½
Balance due Grand Secretary,		$ 10 26½

The Grand Lodge is liable for old unliquidated claims, to the amount of $20 25. The expenses of the present Grand Communication are not less than $100 36½. It is supposed that a sufficient amount will be realized from subordinate Lodges to pay off all old debts, and the expenses of the present Grand Communication.

Brother *Walker*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee, to whom were referred the proceedings of New Albany Lodge, in expelling John Flannery from the Brotherhood of Masonry, have examined the charges and letters in confirmation of those charges, also an extract from the minutes of the New Albany Lodge when said John Flannery's trial was pending, and are unanimous in the opinion, that all was done in strict conformity to the ancient usages of the Order. We, therefore, recommend that the proceedings against said John Flannery be confirmed.

On motion of Brother *Stewart*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, that have not paid their dues for one year, be stricken from the list of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Visitors be authorized to take possession of all the jewels and furniture of any such Lodge or Lodges.

Brother *Hand*, Grand Visitor for the seventh district, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

From his observation, he is happy to say, that Center Lodge, No. 23, since receiving a Dispensation from the M. W. Grand Lodge, has resumed its labors, and appears to be in a most prosperous situation, as will be seen by the Return of said Lodge.

He is informed by the Brethren of Lafayette Lodge, No. 28, that although they have not held their meetings regularly, yet that nothing of a serious nature prevents their usual activity. They still wish to be continued on the list of Lodges, and hope again to evince their usual attachment to the principles of the Order.

From information received from Tipton Lodge, No. 33, the Brethren continue to hold meetings; and although they are not at present in so prosperous a condition as in former days, yet they have no disposition to abandon so laudable an object.

From Wayne Lodge, No. 25, he has been informed that the Brethren have not held their meetings regularly, from considerations not entirely under their control; yet they request that time may be extended to them, under the belief that they will, in a short time, be enabled to resume their duty as usual.

From the Brethren of Hamilton Lodge, No. 32, he has been informed, that they have not held regular meetings for some three or four years, and that there is no prospect that they will again resume their labors under their present organization.

Your Grand Visitor would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Hamilton Lodge, No. 32, be stricken from the list of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, on receiving the necessary notice from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Stewart*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report.

The committee have examined the report of the Grand Secretary, and find the report correct. Your committee would state, that no moneys have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Brother *Percival*, the Grand Lodge went into the election of its officers, for the ensuing twelve months; Brothers Percival and Martin acting as tellers. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected:

M. W., JOHN B. MARTIN (of Vincennes), Grand Master.
R. W., ZERAH T. PERCIVAL (of Lawrenceburg), Deputy Grand Master.
W., SHEPHERD WHITMAN (of New Albany), Senior Grand Warden.
" AUSTIN W. MORRIS (of Indianapolis), Junior Grand Warden.
M. R., TOWNSEND TRUSLOW (of Indianapolis), Grand Chaplain.
N. L. SQUIBB (of Hartford), Grand Lecturer.
DANIEL KELSO (of York), Grand Secretary.
PHILIP MASON (of Connersville), Grand Treasurer.
SAMUEL J. STEWART (of Jeffersonville), Senior Grand Deacon.
JOHN FOSTER (of Indianapolis), Junior Grand Deacon.
S. D. ROOKER (of Indianapolis), Grand Tyler.
H. P. BROKAW (of Vincennes), Grand Visitor for first District.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to select a site for the next Grand Lodge for the ensuing twelve months; Brothers Percival and Martin acting as tellers. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the town of INDIANAPOLIS was duly selected.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge closes, it will close to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on the second Monday of December, 1836.

On motion of Brother *Mason*, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, From the want of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary is unable to determine which of the Grand Visitors' term of office expires at this time; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That each of the Grand Visitors continue to serve the next ensuing twelve months, except Brother Martin, who is elected Grand Master.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect. Whereupon, all below the degree of Past Master having retired, a Lodge of Past Masters was opened.—M. W., DANIEL KELSO, G. M., presiding.

Brother John B. Martin, was duly installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana for the ensuing twelve months.

The Past Masters' Lodge was then duly closed, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to labor as before.—M. W., JOHN B. MARTIN, G. M., presiding.

The other Grand Officers elect were then duly installed.

On motion of Brother *Mason*, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Center Lodge, No. 23, for the use of their Hall and jewels, and for the Brotherly and respectful attention of its members individually.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother Morris procure to be printed and delivered to the Grand Secretary, two hundred copies of an abstract of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, for distribution.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was duly closed, to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of INDIANAPOLIS, on the second Monday in December, A. L. 5836, A. D. 1836.

JOHN B. MARTIN, *G. Master.*

Attest:—DANIEL KELSO, *G. Sec'y.*

Copied—from the Original Minutes.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., DEC. 12, A. L. 5836, A. D. 1836.

M. W., James L. Hogin, *Grand Master.*

At an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on Monday, the twelfth day of December, A. L. 5836, A. D. 1836.—Present,

M. W., Zerah T. Percival, D. G. M., Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R. W., Austin W. Morris, J. G. W., Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W., James L. Hogin, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" M. P. Marts, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
M. R., Townsend Truslow, Grand Chaplain.
Daniel Kelso, Grand Secretary.
Caleb B. Smith, P. D. G. M., Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
John Foster, J. G. D., Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
Charles Fisher, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
S. D. Rooker, Grand Tyler,

Past Masters.—Joseph Warner, Daniel Kelso, John Foster, John C. Kibbey and James I. Drum.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Austin W. Morris; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Zerah T. Percival; Warren Lodge, No. 15, Caleb B. Smith; Center Lodge, No. 23, J. L. Hogin; Webb Lodge, No. 24, J. C. Kibbey; Tipton Lodge, No. 33, Joseph Dunham; New Albany Lodge, No. 39, Shepherd Whitman.

Visitors.—David Main, John H. Cook, F. J. Andrews, A. Venduwker, A. W. Noe, John Wood, Solomon Cook, J. P. Duvall, Charles Cooper, William Gerrard, J. T. Douglas, E. S. Frask, S. G. Mitchell, Christopher Harrison, W. Spiers, Morris Bennett, F. T. Luse, A. W. Noal, T. M. Weaver, J. I. Dunn, J. I. Neely and J. B. Eldridge.

The Grand Lodge was duly opened, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

On motion of Brother *Kelso*, Brother Caleb B. Smith was admitted as the *proxy* for Warren Lodge, No, 15, until his credentials could be sent to this place. Also, Brother Zerah T. Percival was admitted as the repre-

sentative from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, by virtue of his being the Worshipful Master thereof,—said Lodge not having sent any Return to this Grand Lodge.

The representatives aforesaid presented the Returns of their several Lodges and their credentials as representatives; which, on motion, were referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Hogin and Smith.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, Brothers Smith, Dunham and Kelso were appointed a committie, to report to this Grand Lodge their opinion of the expediency of this Grand Lodge having a procession, an oration, etc., previous to its adjournment; and said committee to report on to-morrow evening.

On motion of Brother *Hogin*, Brother Percival was granted further time to make his report as Grand Visitor.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow evening at six o'clock. ZERAH T. PERCIVAL, *G. Master, pro tem.*

Attest:—DANIEL KELSO, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, December 13, 1836.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at six o'clock, P. M.—R. W., ZERAH T. PERCIVAL, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother *Smith*, from the committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of having a public procession, etc., made a verbal report in favor of having such celebration. Whereupon,

Brother *Hand* offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Indiana will have a public celebration, with appropriate services, at its next meeting; and that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge lay the same before the several subordinate Lodges, and request their attendance:

And the vote thereon being required to be taken by Lodges,—those who voted in the affirmative, were the Past Grand Officers collectively, Warren Lodge, Webb Lodge and New Albany Lodge—4. Those who voted in the negative, were the Past Masters collectively, Lawrenceburg Lodge, Center Lodge and Tipton Lodge—4.

The vote being equally divided, the M. W. Grand Master gave the casting vote in the negative. So said resolution was not adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Accounts.—Brothers SMITH, HOGIN and WHITMAN.

On Grievances.—Brothers HOGIN, HAND and MORRIS.

On Unfinished Business.—Brothers MORRIS and WHITMAN.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers DUNHAM, HAND and WHITMAN.

On Returns and Credentials.—Brothers HOGIN and SMITH.

On Claims.—Brothers KELSO, SMITH and HOGIN.

To examine attendant and visiting Brethren.—Brothers WHITMAN and KELSO.

On motion, Brothers Kelso and Whitman were appointed a committee, to inquire into the affairs of Union Lodge, No. 2, at Madison, and make report to this Grand Lodge at its next Grand Communication, what has been done with the jewels, furniture and real estate of said Lodge, and further, to what purpose has the rent of the real estate (which is said to be something like two hundred dollars per annum) been appropriated.

Brother *Smith*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report:

The committee have examined the Returns and credentials referred to them, and find that the following Brethren are representatives:

Austin W. Morris, from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; Zerah T. Percival, Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; Caleb B. Smith, Warren Lodge, No. 15; James L. Hogin, Center Lodge, No. 23; John C. Kibbey, Webb Lodge, No. 24; Joseph Dunham, Tipton Lodge, No. 33; Shepherd Whitman, New Albany Lodge, No. 39.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was read and referred to the committee on Accounts:

The following are the receipts by the Grand Secretary, up to the first day of the present Grand Communication:

From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1,	$ 13 50
" Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4,	9 00
" Harmony Lodge, No. 11,	23 50
" Warren Lodge, No. 15,	30 14
" Salem Lodge, No. 21,	17 75
" Center Lodge, No. 23,	19 00
" Webb Lodge, No. 24,	7 00
" Tipton Lodge, No. 33,	30 00
" New Albany Lodge, No. 39,	35 25
" Clark Lodge, No. 40,	23 75
Making the whole amount,	$208 89

(The Grand Secretary claims credit for the following):

Amount paid, as per vouchers,	$148 87½	
Amount paid Daniel Kelso, for an old claim as Grand Visitor,	6 00	
For attending as a Grand Officer, in 1834,	10 00	
" " " 1835,	10 00	
Making up Proceedings of last Annual Grand Communication,	5 00	
For postage, etc.,	3 87½	
Making the sum of,		$183 75
Balance in the hands of Grand Secretary,		$ 25 14

On motion of Brother *Whitman*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That New Albany Lodge, No. 39, be provided with a new Charter, (the old one having been destroyed); and that the Grand Secretary be directed to make an exact copy of the old one, bearing the same date, etc.,—said Lodge paying the Grand Secretary's fee only.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow evening at six o'clock.

ZERAH T. PERCIVAL, *G. Master, pro tem.*

Attest:—DANIEL KELSO, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, December 14, 1836.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at six o'clock, P. M.—R. W., ZERAH T. PERCIVAL, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother *Whitman*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report:

The committee have examined the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Virginia, North Carolina, New York, Connecticut, Kentucky, Mississippi, New Jersey, Georgia and Louisiana,—all of which clearly show that our ancient and honorable Order is looking up and prospering.

Brother *Smith*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report:

Your committee have examined the report of the Grand Secretary, and find the same correct. The Grand Treasurer not being in attendance, they have not been able to examine his report,—none having been submitted.

Brother *Percival*, who was appointed an agent of the Grand Lodge, to take into his possession the property of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, made the following report:

That he had visited Rising Sun Lodge, for the purposes contemplated by the resolution of the last Grand Lodge; but finding that the late Master of said Lodge was dead, and the Senior Warden was absent down the river, he could find no member of said Lodge who could give him a list or value of the property,—the chest being locked, and not knowing who had the key,—and, therefore, no person would be willing to receipt for any amount. Brother C. A. Craft, of Rising Sun, has a part of the property in possession, and promised to take care of the same until called for.

Brother *Percival*, Grand Visitor for the sixth district, made the following report:

That he had not visited any Lodge in the sixth district, except Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; which Lodge has not prospered much in the last year, but hopes they will resuscitate.

On motion of Brother *Hand*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother John I. Neely be directed to call on the late officers of Clinton Lodge, No. 16, and receive from them the funds, jewels and furniture which may be on hand, and take the same into custody, subject to the order of the Grand Lodge; and that he report to this Grand Lodge, at its next session: *Provided, however*, that if said Clinton Lodge shall recommence work as a regular Lodge within one year, then, and in that case, the Grand Lodge shall return said funds, jewels, furniture, etc., to said Clinton Lodge,—with the exception of so much as said Lodge owes the Grand Lodge at this time.

On motion of Brother *Dunham*, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Tipton Lodge, No. 33, has nearly completed a splendid Hall, at great expense to the individuals composing said Lodge; in consequence of which, the Lodge has greatly anticipated their means: and whereas, said Lodge has, at all times, punctually paid up her dues when this Grand Lodge stood in need of her aid,

instead of availing themselves of the provisions of relief extended to other Lodges: therefore,

Resolved, That the dues of this year, amounting to forty dollars and twenty-five cents, be remitted to said Lodge; and that no expenses be allowed the representative of said Lodge for his attendance here.

On motion of Brother *Kelso*, the Grand Lodge went into the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months; Brothers Whitman and Hogin acting as tellers. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected:

M. W., James L. Hogin (of Indianapolis), Grand Master.
R. W., Shepherd Whitman (of New Albany), Deputy Grand Master.
W., Austin W. Morris (of Indiadapolis), Senior Grand Warden.
" John Foster (of Indianapolis), Junior Grand Warden.
M. R., Townsend Truslow (of Indianapolis), Grand Chaplain.
Philip Mason (of Connersville), Grand Lecturer.
Daniel Kelso (of York), Grand Secretary.
Zerah T. Percival (of Hartford), Grand Treasurer.
Charles Fisher (of Indianapolis), Senior Grand Deacon.
Joseph Dunham (of Logansport), Junior Grand Deacon.
Solomon Cook (of Indianapolis), Grand Steward and Tyler.
N. L. Squibbs (of Hartford), Grand Visitor, sixth District, for three years.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to select a site for the next Grand Communication; Brothers Whitman and Hogin acting as tellers. Whereupon, it appeared, on counting the ballots, that the town of Indianapolis was duly selected.

On motion of Brother *Whitman*, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Center Lodge, No. 23, for the use of their Hall and furniture, and for the fraternal feelings which they have expressed in their attendance and attention to us while assembled here.

Brother *Hand* offered for adoption the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge closes, it will close to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in October next.

On motion of Brother *Whitman*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother Squibbs, Grand Visitor for the sixth District, be, and he is hereby required to take possession of the jewels, furniture and effects of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, and Jefferson Lodge, No. 31.

On motion of Brother *Kelso*, the Grand Secretary was required to cause to be printed an abstract of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at its present Communication; and distribute a copy of the same to each Grand Lodge in the United States, and to the Grand Officers and subordinate Lodges of this State.

On motion of Brother *Foster*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, in conjunction with Center Lodge, No. 23, will have a public celebration, at the time of their next Annual Communication; and that the Grand Secretary be requested to notify the subordinate Lodges in this State thereof, and their attendance requested; and that the Grand Secretary be requested to engage the services of some Brother to deliver an oration upon the occasion.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold its next regular annual meeting at Indianapolis, on the first Monday of October next.

On motion of Brother *Whitman*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, when it adjourns, will adjourn to meet at New Albany, on the twenty-fourth day of June next, for the purpose of celebrating that day in conjunction with New Albany Lodge; and that the Grand Secretary notify all subordinate Lodges of the same, and address a letter of invitation to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and the Brethren generally, to attend; and that the Grand Secretary be required to appoint a committee of New Albany Lodge, to make the necessary arrangements for said celebration.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect. After all the Brethren present below the degree of Past Master had withdrawn, a Lodge of Past Masters was opened in ancient form.—R. W., ZERAH T. PERCIVAL, D. G. M. presiding.

Brother James L. Hogin was duly installed Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brother Shepherd Whitman Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

The Past Masters' Lodge was then closed, and the Grand Lodge resumed labor in the third degree of Masonry.—M. W., JAMES L. HOGIN, G. M., presiding.

The other Grand Officers elect were then duly installed.

On motion of Brother *Percival*, Brother Rooker was allowed six dollars, for his services as Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, to meet at New Albany on the twenty-fourth day of June next.

JAMES L. HOGIN, *G. Master.*

Attest:—DANIEL KELSO, *G. Sec'y.*

Copied—From the original Minutes.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., DEC. 11, A. L. 5837, A. D. 1837

M. W., CALEB B. SMITH, *Grand Master.*

At an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on Monday, the eleventh day of December, A. L. 5837, A. D. 1837.—Present,

M. W., James L. Hogin, Grand Master.
R. W., Shepherd Whitman, Deputy Grand Master
W., Austin W. Morris, Senior Grand Warden.
" John C. Foster, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*.
Henry W. Smith, Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
Jesse Durnell, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
Charles Fisher, Senior Grand Deacon.
William Spears, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
A. W. Noe, Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Samuel Judah; Washington Lodge, No. 13, Wm. G. Lure; Warren Lodge, No. 15, Caleb B. Smith; Center Lodge, No. 23, Townsend Truslow; Webb Lodge, No. 24, William Dewey; Liberty Lodge, No. 33, John B. Rose; New Albany Lodge, No. 39, Henry W. Smith; Clark Lodge, No. 40, Isaac Cox.

Visitors.—Brothers Benj'n J. Yates, Thos. M. Weaver, Henry Monroe, ... Wayman, Oliver Brown, Samuel Rooker, E. Truck, A. F. Frank, Jesse Durnell, W. B. Mitchell, F. T. Luse, Charles Fisher and Wm. Spiers.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in ancient form. The business for the

session being unprepared, the Grand Lodge adjourned, until to-morrow evening at six o'clock.

JAMES L. HOGIN, *G. Master.*

Attest:—HENRY W. SMITH, *G. Sec'y, pro tem.*

TUESDAY, December 12, 1837.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at six o'clock P. M., and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.—M. W., JAMES L. HOGIN, G. M., presiding.

On motion, the representatives from subordinate Lodges now present, who had not paid their dues, were excused for this evening, and they were allowed to vote.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Accounts.—Brothers ROSE, DEWEY and JUDAH.
On Grievances.—Brothers MORRIS, FOSTER and MONROE.
On Unfinished Business.—Brothers HAND and TRUSLOW.
On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers C. B. SMITH, LURE and WHITMAN.
On Returns and Credentials.—Brothers JUDAH and HAND.
On Claims.—Brothers H. W. SMITH, ROSE and HAND.
To examine attendant and visiting Brethren.—Brothers YATES and BROWN.

On motion, Brothers Morris, C. B. Smith and Whitman were appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency of this Grand Lodge setting apart a certain sum annually for the purpose of purchasing a lot, in some suitable place, for the erection of a Grand Masonic Hall; and said committee to report as soon as practicable.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow evening at six o'clock.

JAMES L. HOGIN, *G. Master.*

Attest:—HENRY W. SMITH, *G. Sec'y, pro tem.*

WEDNESDAY, December 13, 1837.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at six o'clock P. M.—M. W., JAMES L. HOGIN, G. M., presiding.

On motion, the representatives from subordinate Lodges now present, who had not paid their dues, were excused for this evening, and allowed to vote.

On motion, one-half of the dues for the year ended, as returned from Tipton Lodge, was remitted to said Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, for the next ensuing twelve months; Brothers Morris and Dewey acting as tellers. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected:

M. W., Caleb B. Smith (of Connersville), Grand Master.
R. W., Austin W. Morris (of Indianapolis), Deputy Grand Master.
W., John B. Rose (of Liberty), Senior Grand Warden.
" Henry W. Smith (of New Albany), Junior Grand Warden.
M. R., Townsend Truslow (of Indianapolis), Grand Chaplain.
A. W. Harrison (of Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.
John Foster (of Indianapolis), Grand Treasurer.
Shepherd Whitman (of New Albany), Grand Lecturer.
William Dewey (of Richmond), Senior Grand Deacon.
William G. Lure (of Brownstown), Junior Grand Deacon.
A. W. Noe (of .....), Grand Steward and Tyler.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge closes, it will close to meet at Indianapolis, on the fourth Monday in December next.

Brother *Hand*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the Returns and credentials referred to them, and find that the following Brethren are representatives:

Samuel Judah (by appointment), from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; William G. Lure (by appointment), Washington Lodge, No. 13; Caleb B. Smith (by appointment), Warren Lodge, No. 15; Townsend Truslow (W. M.), Center Lodge, No. 23; William Dewey (by appointment), Webb Lodge, No. 24; John B. Rose (by appointment), Liberty Lodge, No. 35; Henry H. Smith (by appointment), New Albany Lodge, No. 39; Isaac Cox (by appointment), Clark Lodge, No. 40.

Your committee would respectfully report, that although the Returns of Tipton Lodge, No. 33, have been duly made out and forwarded to this Grand Lodge, yet they have failed to authorize any person to act as their representative in this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned, until to-morrow evening at six o'clock. JAMES L. HOGIN, *G. Master.*

Attest:—H. W. Smith *G. Sec'y, pro tem.*

Thursday, December 14, 1837.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at six o'clock P. M.—M. W., James L. Hogin, G. M., presiding.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect. After all the Brethren present below the degree of Past Master had withdrawn, a Lodge of Past Masters was opened in ancient form.—M. W., James L. Hogin, G. M., presiding.

Brother Caleb B. Smith was duly installed the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, for the ensuing twelve months.

The Past Masters' Lodge was then closed, and the Grand Lodge resumed labor in the third degree of Masonry.—M. W., Caleb B. Smith, G. M., presiding.

The remaining Grand Officers elect were then duly installed.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Brother Shepherd Whitman be appointed an agent, on the part of this Grand Lodge, to take possession of all property, real and personal, belonging to Union Lodge, No. 2, which property has become forfeited to this Grand Lodge; and that said agent be empowered to make sale of all or any part thereof, and report his proceedings to the next Grand Communication; and that the Grand Secretary furnish a copy of this resolution to said agent.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will have a public celebration at its next Annual Grand Communication; and that Brothers Morris, Hogin and Rose be appointed a committee to make suitable arrangement for said celebration.

Resolved, That all orders and resolutions heretofore adopted or passed by this Grand Lodge, in relation to the forfeiture of the Charter of Liberty Lodge, No. 35, be, and they are hereby rescinded; and that all dues now owing from said Lodge, up to the sitting of this Grand Lodge, be remitted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary inform Vincennes Lodge of the amount of their dues, and request payment; also, that he inform Tipton Lodge of the adoption of the resolution remitting one-half of their dues, and request them to transmit the remainder.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge send communications to all the delinquent Lodges in this State, requiring them to send in their Returns by the next Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to open a correspondence with Brother Daniel Kelso, the last Grand Secretary, and Brother Percival, the last Grand Treasurer, and inquire of them, respectively, why they have not appeared at this Annual Grand Communication, and why they have not transmitted to this Grand Lodge the records, correspondence and moneys, etc., respectively in their hands. *Resolved, further*, That if the officers above named, or either of them, do not render to this Grand Lodge, on or before the next Annual Communication, a sufficient reason for their non-compliance with the rules of this Grand Lodge, and the duties of their respective offices, that they will be proceeded against according to the inviolable rules of this Fraternity. *Resolved, further*, That this Grand Lodge view, with deep regret, the conduct of our late Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer; and that we sincerely hope they will be able to show good cause for their delinquency. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of this resolution to each of the officers above named.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was duly closed, to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of INDIANAPOLIS, on the fourth Monday in December, A. L. 5838, A. D. 1838.

CALEB B. SMITH, *G. Master.*

Attest:—A. W. HARRISON, *G. Sec'y.*

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., DEC. 24, A. L. 5838, A. D. 1838.

M. W., PHILIP MASON, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of December, A. L. 5838, A. D. 1838.—Present,

M. W., PHILIP MASON, D. G. M., Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R. W., JAMES L. HOGIN, P. G. M., Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W., JOHN ALLEN, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.* ....
" ZERAH T. PERCIVAL,, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
M. R., TOWNSEND TRUSLOW, Grand Chaplain.
CHARLES FISHER, Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
JOHN FOSTER, Grand Treasurer.
P. W. SEIBERT, Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
CALEB SCHMIDLAPP, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
F. T. LUSE, Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Samuel Judah; Union Lodge, No. 2, Caleb Schmidlapp; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Zerah T. Percival; Harmony Lodge, No. 11, John Allen; Warren Lodge, No. 15, Philip Mason; Salem Lodge, No. 21, Woodbridge Parker; Center Lodge, No. 23, John Foster; Liberty Lodge, No. 35, Philip Mason; Laporte Lodge, (U. D.), James L. Hogin.

The Grand Lodge was duly opened, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

On motion of Brother *Parker*, the Rule, requiring the representatives from subordinate Lodges to pay their Grand Lodge dues before they are entitled to vote, was dispensed with for this evening.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Accounts.—Brothers SCHMIDLAPP, PARKER, ALLEN and SCOTT.
On Unfinished Business.—Brothers PERCIVAL and ALLEN.
On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers MORRIS, PERCIVAL and ALLEN.
On Claims.—Brothers SCHMIDLAPP, MORRIS and WILLEY.
To examine attendant and visiting Brethren.—Brothers HOGIN, FOSTER and TRUSLOW.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master, pro tem.*

Attest:—CHARLES FISHER, *G. Sec'y, pro tem.*

TUESDAY, December 25, 1838.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at ten o'clock, A. M.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, P. G. M., presiding.

Brother John Willey, Grand Visitor, and Brother Rawley Scott appeared as the representatives from Washington Lodge No. 13.

On motion, the Rule requiring the representatives from subordinate Lodges to pay their Grand Lodge dues before they are entitled to vote in the Grand Lodge, was again dispensed with.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were read and referred to the committee on Accounts.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following additional standing committees:

On Grievances.—Brothers MORRIS, WILLEY and JUDAH.

On Returns and Credentials.—Brothers MORRIS and WILLEY.

Brother *Percival*, in answer to a resolution adopted at the last Annual Grand Communication, in relation to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, inquiring into their non-attendance, etc., reported,—that he was taken sick on his way to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and was unable to send the papers in time for the use of the Grand Lodge; and that no funds or books ever came into his hands, as Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the report of Brother Zerah T. Percival, late Grand Treasurer, is deemed entirely satisfactory. If any censure is thought to be attached to him, in the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, this Grand Lodge deems it unmerited when the circumstances are explained, as they are by his report.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until six o'clock this evening.

SIX O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, P. G. M., presiding.

Brother Samuel Fleming appeared as the representative from Webb Lodge, No. 24.

On motion, Brother James L. Hogin had leave to introduce the papers of Laporte Lodge, (U. D.).

Brother *Mason*, from the committee to whom was referred Brother

Kelso's report on a resolution adopted at the last Grand Communication, in relation to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, made a report, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions; which report was concurred in, and the resolutions, on motion of Brother Morris, unanimously adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the sentiments expressed in the report of Brother Daniel Kelso, in relation to a resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, on the subject of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, is undignified, abusive, and unworthy of a Mason; and that he is hereby requested to explain.

Resolved, That a copy of the report and resolutions be forwarded to Brother Kelso.

On motion of Brother *Judah*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Joseph Roseman, late a member of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, and now under expulsion, be restored to all his Masonic rights and privileges, in consequence of the resolutions of that Lodge on the subject.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master, pro tem.*

Attest:—CHARLES FISHER, *G. Sec'y, pro tem.*

WEDNESDAY, December 26, 1838.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at ten o'clock, A. M.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, P. G. M., presiding.

Brother *Allen*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report:

The committee have attended to the duties assigned them, and find that communications have been received from the Grand Lodges of New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Connecticut, Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida. They find nothing in these communications that requires the action of this Grand Lodge at this time, except in those from New York and Virginia; they regret to find that difficulties have arisen among the Brethren in the city, which originated with York Lodge, No. 367, which resulted in the division of said Lodge and the expulsion of a number of the members, whose names are transmitted to this Grand Lodge. Your committee recommend that this Grand Lodge take measures to inform the different subordinate Lodges of the same, and of the expulsion in Virginia, by transmitting specific communications thereof to the same.

Brother *Willey*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report:

The committee have examined the Returns and credentials referred to them, and find that the following Brethren are representatives:

Samuel Judah (by appointment), from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; Caleb Schmidlapp (by appointment), Union Lodge, No. 2; Zerah T. Percival, (W. M.), Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4—(the Returns of this Lodge are very imperfect); John Allen (W. M.), Harmony Lodge, No. 11—(the Returns of this Lodge are very imperfect); Rawley Scott (by appointment), Washington Lodge, No. 13; Philip Mason (by appointment), Warren Lodge, No. 15; Woodbridge Parker (by appointment), Salem

Lodge, No. 21; John Foster (W. M.), Center Lodge, No. 23; Samuel Fleming (W. M.), Webb Lodge, No. 24; Philip Mason (by appointment), Liberty Lodge, No. 35—(the Returns of this Lodge are very imperfect); James L. Hogin (by appointment), Laporte Lodge, (U. D.)

Your committee would here state, that on examination, they find a great deficiency in the Returns of several of the subordinate Lodges. This is owing, perhaps, to the want of experience in making out Returns by the Secretaries of the several Lodges.

Brother *Hogin*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have had under consideration the proceedings of Laporte Lodge, held in the town of Laporte, in Laporte county, and beg leave to submit the following report and resolutions, in which they request the concurrence of the Grand Lodge: They have examined the workings and By-Laws of said Lodge, and find them regular, excepting the 6th Section of Article 4, of said By-Laws, which reads—"Every member shall have the right to vote for initiating, passing or raising a candidate, provided he is of the degree to be conferred." The committee would recommend that said Lodge be requested to amend their By-Laws, so as to confine voting, in all cases, to Master Masons.

The Brethren of Laporte Lodge pray for a Charter to constitute them a regular Lodge; and your committee deem their prayer reasonable, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to the petitioners, by the name of *Laporte Lodge*, No. 41; and that Brother Abner Baily be the first Master thereof, *John P. Cobb*, the Senior Warden, and *Thomas D. Lemon*, the Junior Warden.

And your committee would, therefore, recommend that the payment of the amount due from Laporte Lodge, No. 41, to the Grand Lodge, be postponed until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the sum of twenty-five dollars was donated to Laporte Lodge, No. 41,—being the amount required of subordinate Lodges for their Charters.

Brother *Schmidlapp* presented a memorial from Union Lodge, No. 2, asking for a copy of their former Charter, if such copy could be furnished; and for other purposes therein named. The memorial was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Willey, Fleming and Scott.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

Two o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M.W., Philip Mason, P. G. M., presiding.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of its officers, for the ensuing year; Brothers Scott and Fleming acting as tellers. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected:

M. W., PHILIP MASON (of Connersville), Grand Master.
R. W., RAWLEY SCOTT (of Brownstown), Deputy Grand Master.
W., JOHN WILLEY (of Connersville), Senior Grand Warden.
" SAMUEL FLEMING (of Richmond), Junior Grand Warden.
M. R., TOWNSEND TRUSLOW (of Knightstown), Grand Chaplain.
WILLIAM B. SMITH (of Richmond), Grand Lecturer.
CHARLES FISHER (of Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.
JOHN FOSTER (of Indianapolis), Grand Treasurer.
CALEB SCHMIDLAPP (of Madison), Senior Grand Deacon.
PHILIP W. SEIBERT (of Indianapolis), Junior Grand Deacon.
SAMUEL S. ROOKER (of Indianapolis), Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to fix the site for the next Annual Grand Communication; and on receiving and counting the ballots, INDIANAPOLIS was declared to be duly selected.

Brother *Willey*, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial from Union Lodge, made a report recommending the adoption of the following resolutions, which were accordingly read and adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That a new Charter be granted to Union Lodge, No. 2, agreeably to their request, without expense, except the fee to the Grand Secretary; and that all dues of said Lodge, due to this Grand Lodge, be remitted up to this Grand Communication.

Resolved, further, That all former resolutions of this Grand Lodge, having for their object the suspension of said Lodge and seizure of their property, be, and the same are hereby rescinded.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master, pro tem.*

Attest:—CHARLES FISHER, *G. Sec'y, pro tem.*

THURSDAY, December 27, 1838.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock A. M.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, P. G. M., presiding.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect; which was done in due and ancient form.

Brother *Fleming* offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, By a unanimous vote of Webb Lodge, No. 24, Charles W. Appleton, a member of said Lodge, was expelled from all the privileges and benefits of Masonry: therefore,

Resolved, That said expulsion be confirmed by this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Secretary publish the said expulsion in the *Indiana Journal.*

On motion of Brother *Judah*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge retain the exclusive power to restore expelled Masons, upon such representation from the subordinate Lodge as may be satisfactory.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge closes, it will close to meet in the town of Indianapolis, on the Thursday immediately preceding the meeting of the Legislature of this State.

The Grand Lodge then went into procession, to the Methodist church, where an appropriate address was delivered by Brother Lynde Elliott. From thence to dinner, and thence to the Lodge room.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until six o'clock this evening.

SIX O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Hogin*, The Grand Treasurer was authorized to pay to the Grand Secretary, his allowance for his services, (under the Constitution), as soon as ascertained.

On motion of Brother *Foster*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother Lynde Elliott be requested to publish fifteen hundred copies of his Address, delivered to-day, and cause a portion of them to be distributed in the eastern part of this State, and forward the balance to the Grand Secretary for distribution; and that the Grand Secretary draw an order on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of said printing.

Brother *Foster*, from the committee on Claims, submitted the following report, which on motion, was concurred in:

The committee ask leave to make the following report, in part, of the expenses of the present Annual Communication:

To Samuel Judah, representative from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1,	$12 00
" Caleb Schmidlapp, from Union Lodge, No. 2,	10 00
" Zerah T. Percival, from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4,	10 00
" John Allen, from Harmony Lodge, No. 11,	8 00
" Rawley Scott, from Washington Lodge, No. 13,	10 00
" Philip Mason, from Warren Lodge, No. 15,	8 00
" Woodbridge Parker, from Salem Lodge, No. 21,	10 00
" John Foster, from Center Lodge, No. 23,	4 00
" Samuel Fleming, from Webb Lodge, No. 24,	8 00
" Philip Mason, from Liberty Lodge, No. 35,	8 00
" James L. Hogin, from Laporte Lodge, No. 41,	4 00
" Brother John Willey, for services as Grand Visitor,	20 00
" Townsend Truslow, Grand Chaplain (4 days' session and 2 days' trav.),	6 00
" Grand Tyler, for four days' services,	8 00
For stationery, candles, etc.,	3 00
Your committee recommend a further appropriation to Gr. Chaplain, of	5 00
(The committee of arrangements for celebration, report the following):	
To the Sexton, for warning the church,	5 00
" Musicians,	5 00
Your committee would also suggest that the sum of twenty dollars be tendered to Brother Elliott, for expenses in coming to deliver the Address,	20 00
Total amount of expenses,	$164 00

On motion, the appeal of Calvin West, from the decision of Webb Lodge, expelling said West from the benefits of Masonry, was taken up.

On motion, Brothers Willey and Fleming were excused from serving as Grand Wardens during the investigation of the case, and Brother Fleming was excused from voting.

Brother *Morris* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in the case of the expulsion of Calvin West, by Webb Lodge, No. 24, this Grand Lodge, after mature consideration of the case, and the hearing of the accused in person, is of the opinion, that the decision of Webb Lodge, No. 24, be confirmed.

On motion, the account of Brother A. W. Harrison, late Grand Secretary, for services, amounting to twenty dollars, was allowed.

Brother *Hogin* offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to give at least sixty days' notice of the time and place of the annual meeting of this Grand Lodge, by causing an official notice thereof to be published in the *Indiana Journal*, with a request that the editors of papers friendly to the Institution give it an insertion in their respective papers, gratuitously.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed, in ample form, to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of INDIANAPOLIS, on Thursday the twenty-eighth day of November, A. L. 5839, A. D. 1839.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOV. 28, A. L. 5839, A. D. 1839.

M. W., PHILIP MASON, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of November, A. L. 5839, A. D. 1839.—Present,

M. W., PHILIP MASON, Grand Master.
R. W., CALEB B. SMITH, P. G. M., Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W., ISAAC BARTLETT, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
CHARLES FISHER, Grand Secretary.
JOHN FOSTER, Grand Treasurer.
JOHN LISTER, Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
P. W. SEIBERT, Junior Grand Deacon.
SAMUEL S. ROOKER, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Past Grand Officer.—C. I. Hand. *Past Masters.*—B. I. Blythe and Ulysis Cook.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, Austin W. Morris; Union Lodge, No. 2, Charles Woodward; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, James H. Lane; Harmony Lodge, No. 11, Charles Fisher; Warren Lodge, No. 15, Caleb B. Smith; Salem Lodge, No. 21, J. J. Morrison; Center Lodge, No. 23, John Foster; Webb Lodge, No. 24, S. B. Stanton; Tipton Lodge, No. 33, Isaac Bartlett; New Albany Lodge, No. 39, Thomas P. Baldwin; Laporte Lodge, No. 41, P. W. Seibert; Morning Star Lodge, (U. D.), Isaac Washburn.

Visitors.—Brothers Ephraim Colestock, Thomas Donnellan, Uriah Gates, G. W. Star, Aaron Homan, Rufus A. Lockwood, Henry Colestock, Thos. M. Weaver, George Harland, C. I. Hand, ... Mead, Samuel Judah, Hiram Bacon and John Lister.

The Grand Lodge was duly opened, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The M. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge the following communication, which was accepted and referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations:

That immediately after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, a Dispensation was granted to sundry Brethren of Centerville, in this State; in which MARTIN RAY was Master. A commission was given to install the Master and Wardens of said Lodge. From information, said Lodge has not been organized.

On the 14th of May last, a Dispensation was granted to certain Brethren, to hold a Lodge at Rushville, in the State of Indiana; JOHN GREER, Worshipful Master, *Robert Y. M. Bride*, Senior Warden, and *Isaac Washburn*, Junior Warden. And on the 24th of June last, said officers were duly installed; and afterward, some time in the month of September following, appointed and installed WILLIAM H. MARTIN, Worshipful Master, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Brother Greer from the county.

Some question arises in our mind, as to the propriety of installing the officers of a Lodge under Dispensation. By reference to Cross's Chart, pages 57–8, the following language is held in relation to the installation of the officers of a Lodge—(it being addressed to the M. W. Grand Master)—"A number of Brethren, duly instructed in the mysteries of Masonry, having assembled together at stated periods by virtue of a Dispensation granted them for that purpose, do now desire to be constituted into a regular Lodge agreeably to the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity," etc.; page 58 is a continuation of the same subject, holding the same language. It is evident (if the inference from the foregoing be, that Lodges under Dispensation, or the officers thereof, are mere proxies or agents of the Grand Master), that the officers are not entitled to be installed as an independent Lodge. But by reference to the Grand Constitution (under the head of Duty of Subordinate Lodges), it will be perceived that the Section contemplates their claims to the privileges of an independent Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Accounts.—Brothers LANE, STANTON and MORRIS.
On Grievances.—Brothers SMITH, BARTLETT and BALDWIN.
On Unfinished Business.—Brothers BALDWIN and WOODWARD.
On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers STANTON, BARTLETT and BALDWIN.
On Returns and Credentials.—Brothers MORRIS, BALDWIN and FOSTER.
On Charters and Dispensations.—Brothers BARTLETT and STANTON.
On Claims.—Brothers FOSTER, SEIBERT and LANE.
To examine attendant and visiting Brethren.—Brothers MORRIS and HAND.

Brother *Hand* read a communication from sundry Brethren of Bloomington, Indiana, praying for a Charter to constitute them a regular Lodge; which was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Hand, Foster and Smith.

Brother *Charles I. Hand*, late of Center Lodge, No. 23, presented the proceedings of said Lodge, suspending him from membership in said Lodge, together with his appeal from said decision; which were read and referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion, the proceedings of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, expelling Wm. Askew from the privileges of Masonry, together with his appeal from said decision, were referred to the committee on Grievances.

The report of the Grand Secretary was read; and on motion, so much of the report as related to the finances was referred to the committee on Accounts, and so much as related to Brother Daniel Kelso was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Lane, Foster and Stanton.

On motion, the Grand Treasurer was allowed further time to make his annual report.

Brother *Smith*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of Charles I. Hand, made the following report, which was read and concurred in—(Brothers Foster, Fisher and Seibert being excused from voting thereon):

From the papers presented to the consideration of your committee, the following appears to be the facts connected with the case: At a Lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons, held at Center Lodge, 28th March, 1839, a charge was preferred against Charles I. Hand, alleging that he had unmasonically refused to pay his dues, and had treated in a contemptuous manner those who had waited on him; and said Hand was required to answer said charges, at an Entered Apprentices' meeting.

On the 24th of April, the said charges were withdrawn, and a committee was appointed to inquire into the expediency of preferring charges against said Hand. At a subsequent meeting, held on the 22d of May, the committee last referred to reported that, in their opinion, the case did not require any action of the Lodge; which report was concurred in, and it was "*Resolved*, That said Hand shall be entitled to membership in the Lodge, upon payment of his dues;" which were then paid.

At a subsequent meeting, held 20th June, in an Entered Apprentices' Lodge, it was "*Resolved*, That the vote on the adoption of the resolution" last referred to "be reconsidered;" and it was "*Further resolved*, That said Hand shall stand suspended, agreeably to the provisions of the By-Laws."

From this order of suspension, the said Hand has appealed to this Grand Lodge.

In examining these proceedings, your committee are met at the threshold by an objection, which, in their opinion, renders them invalid. The sentence of suspension upon Brother Hand, seems to have been adopted by a Lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons. Your committee are of opinion, that a Lodge of Entered Apprentices can not Masonically either expel or suspend a Master Mason; and that the proceedings are, on this account, wholly invalid.

Your committee are also of opinion, that from the facts presented by the record of proceedings of Center Lodge, the sentence of suspension passed upon Brother Hand would have been incorrect under the circumstances, if passed by a Lodge of Master Masons. The Section of the By-Laws, referred to in the proceedings of Center Lodge, provides that twelve months' delinquency, or six months' absence from the Lodge without, shall operate as a forfeiture of membership, unless the absence be unavoidable.

Your committee believe that a fair and just construction of this provision of the By-Laws would prevent the suspension of any member, until after notice had been given him, and an opportunity of defense afforded. They do not conceive, that by

the operation of the By-Law the member stands suspended, but rather that the delinquencies or voluntary absence are sufficient reasons for which the Lodge may declare a Brother's membership forfeited; but until some action is taken by the Lodge and the forfeiture enforced, the right of membership remains unimpaired.

If your committee are correct in the view they have taken of the By-Laws, it follows that a sentence of suspension, passed in the absence of the Brother to be affected by it, and without a previous notice given him, would be erroneous. Such seems to have been the case in this instance. At one meeting of the Lodge, it was resolved that Brother Hand was entitled to membership. At a subsequent meeting, no charge being preferred against Brother Hand, this resolution was rescinded and he was declared to be suspended, without any opportunity for defense or excuse being afforded him. Your committee believe that in all cases of delinquency in the payment of dues, or absence from the Lodge, a Brother should be notified of the intention of the Lodge to proceed against him, before any sentence should be passed upon him. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, the sentence of Center Lodge, No. 23, suspending Brother Charles I. Hand from membership in said Lodge on the 26th of June, 1839, is erroneous, and is hereby reversed.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary communicate a copy of the above resolution to said Lodge.

The committee on Grievances asked for further time to make their report, in the case of the appeal of William Askew; which was granted.

Brother *Hand*, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry Brethren of Bloomington, made the following report which was concurred in:

The committee have examined the subject referred to them, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a credit be given to Monroe Lodge, No. ....., for the price of their Charter, until the next Annual Grand Communication.

Brother *Lane*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to Brother Kelso, made a report on that subject, and preferred the following charges against said Kelso:

First—Violating the Grand Constitution in Sections 1, 3 and 5 (under the head defining the duties of the Grand Secretary), by failing to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge in person or by agent, failing to pay over the moneys in his hands to the Grand Treasurer, failing to make his Return to the Grand Lodge, failing to hand over to his successor the books and papers in his possession.

Second—For unmasonic conduct in sending to the Grand Lodge, for its action, a document couched in low, vulgar and abusive terms.

Your committee also submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That Daniel Kelso be notified, by the Grand Secretary, of the pendency of the above charges, and require him to answer thereto on the first day of the next Annual Grand Communication.

The resolution was amended so as to request Brother Garrard, of Hartford to notify Brother Kelso of the pendency of the above charges.

The committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the committee discharged:

The committee, after examination and inquiry, cannot ascertain that there remained, at the close of the last Communication of this Grand Lodge, any work or business which require to be reported at this Grand Communication by your committee.

The committee to whom was referred the resolutions from the delegates of subordinate Lodges, asking from the Grand Lodge an extension on the amounts owing from them to the Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the subject referred to them, and find that Vincennes Lodge is indebted to the Grand Lodge, $62 25; Union Lodge, $21 75; Lawrenceburg Lodge, $15 00; Harmony Lodge, $22 00; Warren Lodge, $32 00; Center Lodge, $55 00; Webb Lodge, $72 75; Tipton Lodge, $76 62½; and New Albany Lodge, $34 50.

Your committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the amounts by the subordinate Lodges as enumerated above, be retained as a loan until required by the Grand Lodge, and that previous to such requirement, the subordinate Lodges shall have at least six months' notice.

Resolved, That hereafter, no delegate from subordinate Lodges shall be allowed to vote in the Grand Lodge until after all dues are paid which may hereafter become due.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report:

The committee have had the subject under consideration, and have found but one Lodge that has been working under Dispensation during the last year; that Lodge is held at Rushville, and has taken the name of *Morning Star Lodge*, No. ..... Said Lodge has complied with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge in working, except that its By-Laws do not require all the initiation fees to be paid before the candidate is allowed to take the first degree. Your committee would, therefore, recommend that said Lodge be allowed a Charter; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish said Lodge with a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and that said Morning Star Lodge so amend the By-Laws as that they will not conflict with said Constitution.

Brother *Lane*, from the committee on Accounts, to whom was referred so much of the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer as relate to finances, made the following report:

That they have examined the same, and found them correct; and herewith return said reports to the Grand Lodge. By reference to which, it will appear that the amount received at the last Grand Communication is $432 25, including the balance on hand at the last settlement; and the amount paid out, $286 18¾,—leaving a balance in hands of Grand Treasurer at the commencement of this Grand Communication, of $146 06¼.

Brother *Stanton*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee on Foreign Correspondence, with instructions to amend, etc., respectfully report the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge concur in the opinion expressed by the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, on the 6th day of November, 1838,—that delegates from Lodges working under Dispensation are not entitled to vote in the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Foster* offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter, the different Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge, in making their Returns, shall recognize all the members as subject to be returned, whether in arrears or not, until such subordinate Lodges shall have taken some action on the subject, and suspended such delinquents from their privileges as members.

On motion of Brother *Stanton*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Constitution be so amended, that the representatives from the several subordinate Lodges be allowed one dollar per day, in addition to the fees by the Grand Constitution, for each day's attendance at the Grand Lodge, and in going to and from the same.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to forward to Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, the amount due the Grand Lodge.

On motion, the amount which the Morning Star Lodge will be indebted to the Grand Lodge for its Charter, was loaned to said Lodge until the next Annual Grand Communication.

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of Wm. Askew, made their report on the subject, accompanied by the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the decision of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, expelling William Askew from the privileges of Masonry for grossly unmasonic conduct, be sanctioned and confirmed by the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted, and the Grand Secretary was requested to correspond with the Secretary of New Albany Lodge on the subject:

Resolved, That the sum of twelve dollars be allowed Brother Shepherd Whitman, of New Aldany Lodge, No. 39, for services rendered to Grand Lodge: *Provided, however*, that it has not been paid by said New Albany Lodge.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge closes, it will close to meet on the Thursday morning preceding the annual meeting of the State Legislature.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to furnish each Lodge subordinate to the Grand Lodge, with a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and to append thereto a list of all the Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, for the next ensuing twelve months; Brothers Morris and Smith acting as tellers. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected:

M. W., PHILIP MASON (of Connersville) Grand Master.
R. W., ISAAC BARTLETT (of Logansport), Deputy Grand Master.
W., S. B. STANTON (of Richmond), Senior Grand Warden.
" J. H. LANE (of Lawrenceburg), Junior Grand Warden.
.. CALEB B. SMITH (of Connersville), Grand Lecturer.
M. R., C. W. RUTER (of Lawrenceburg), Grand Chaplain.
AUSTIN W. MORRIS (of Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.
B. I. BLYTHE (of Indianapolis), Grand Treasurer.
T. B. BALDWIN (of New Albany), Senior Grand Deacon.
J. J. MORRISON (of Salem), Junior Grand Deacon.
SAMUEL S. ROOKER (of Indianapolis), Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to select a site for the next Annual Grand Communication; and after receiving and counting the ballots, INDIANAPOLIS was declared duly selected.

On motion, Brothers Morris, Blythe and Fisher were appointed a committee to prepare the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for publication.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to give at least sixty days' notice of the time and place of the annual meeting of this Grand Lodge, by causing an official notice thereof to be published in the *Indiana Journal*, with a request that the Editors of papers friendly to the Institution give it an insertion in their respective papers gratuitously.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect, which was done in due and ancient form.

On motion of Brother *Lane*, the thanks of this Grand Lodge was tendered to Center Lodge, for the use of their Hall during this convention.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was duly closed, to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of INDIANAPOLIS, on the first Thursday in December, A. L. 5840, A. D. 1840.

PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

LIST OF LODGES SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA.

VINCENNES,	No. 1,	at Vincennes.	CENTER,	No. 23,	" Indianapolis.
UNION,	" 2,	" Madison.	WEBB,	" 24,	" Richmond.
LAWRENCEBURG,	" 4,	" Lawrenceburg.	TIPTON,	" 33,	" Logansport.
HARMONY,	" 11,	" Brookville.	LIBERTY,	" 35,	" Liberty.
WASHINGTON,	" 13,	" Brownstown.	NEW ALBANY,	" 39,	" New Albany.
WARREN,	" 15,	" Connersville.	CLARK,	" 40,	" Jeffersonville.
SALEM,	" 21,	" Salem,	LAPORTE,	" 41,	" Laporte.
MONROE,	" 22,	" Bloomington,	MORNING STAR,	" 42,	" Rushville.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., DEC. 3, A. L. 5840, A. D. 1840.

M. W., PHILIP MASON, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on Monday, the third day of December, A. L. 5840, A. D. 1840.—Present,

M. W., PHILIP MASON, Grand Master.
W., ISAAC BARTLETT, D. G. M., Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" R. H. READ, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*.
AUSTIN W. MORRIS, Grand Secretary.
B. I. BLYTHE, Grand Treasurer.
SMALLWOOD NOEL, Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
P. W. SEIBERT, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
URIAH GATES, Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

Past Grand Officer.—Charles I. Hand.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, B. F. Robinson; Union Lodge, No. 2, Charles Woodard; Harmony Lodge, No. 11, Caleb B. Smith; Washington Lodge, No. 13, Sanuel P. Mooney; Monroe Lodge, No. 22, Eli P. Farmer; Center Lodge, No. 23, P. W. Seibert; Tipton Lodge, No. 33, Isaac Bartlett; Liberty Lodge, No. 35, Philip Mason; Clark Lodge, No. 40, R. H. Read; Morning Star Lodge, No. 42, W. H. Martin; Wayne Lodge, (U. D.), Smallwood Noel.

Visitors.—Thomas Donnellan, G. W. Star, T. M. Weaver, B. Yates, Hiram Bacon, Samuel Judah, D. Quin and ..... Cook.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Accounts.—Brothers NOEL, FARMER and READ.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers BARTLETT, FARMER and ROBINSON.

On Returns and Credentials.—Brothers HAND, BARTLETT and READ.

On Unfinished Business.—Brothers SEIBERT and ROBINSON.

On Charters and Dispensations.—Brothers BARTLETT and HAND.

On Claims.—Brothers FARMER, READ and SEIBERT.

To examine attendant and visiting Brethren.—Brothers READ and SEIBERT.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges; which were referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until six o'clock this evening.

SIX O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from New Albany Lodge, No. 39, praying for six months' time on their dues for 1840; which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Brother *Hand* presented the account of Brother John Willey, for services in the installation of officers of Monroe Lodge, No. 22; which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Brother Caleb B. Smith presented his credentials as *proxy* for Harmony Lodge, No. 11, also the Returns for 1840, accompanied by twenty dollars toward their dues.

Brother *Morris* presented the following resolution, which was read and referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Noel, Farmer and Read:

Resolved, That the Committee on Accounts be directed to report to this Grand Lodge, as to the propriety of investing its funds in Bank Stock; and if they deem it advisable so to invest the funds, that they prescribe, by resolution or otherwise, the precise manner in which such investment shall be made, the Bank to be selected, and the manner in which the dividends are to be drawn and disposed of.

Brother *Bartlett* presented a communication, dated in 1837, from Brother Kelso, then Grand Secretary, (upon which Tipton Lodge claims a credit of $40 25); which was read and referred to the committee on Accounts.

On motion of Brother *Bartlett*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider and report upon the charges preferred by the last Grand Lodge against Brother Daniel Kelso, late Grand Secretary, for unmasonic conduct.

Brother *Judah* presented certain documents from Charles Gilman, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; which being read were ordered to be filed in the archives of this Grand Lodge, for information to those interested in the establishment of a Grand Chapter in the State of Indiana.

On motion of Brother *Robinson*, so much of the report of Vincennes Lodge as relates to the expulsion of William Askew, was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Blythe, Bartlett and Hand.

The Grand Secretary reported,—that, in obedience to the requisitions of the Grand Master, Dispensations were granted to Brothers H. Rudisill, A. Hamilton and S. Edsall of Fort Wayne, and to Brothers John Brown-

lee, F. Eltzroth and M. C. Woodworth of Marion, in Grant county, to work as Lodges under Dispensation, until the present Grand Communication.

On motion of Brother *Noel*, the workings of Wayne Lodge, (U. D.), was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow afternoon at one o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

FRIDAY, December 4, 1840.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at one o'clock, P. M.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother C. Woodard, from Union Lodge, No. 2; Samuel P. Moody, Washington Lodge, No. 13, and W. H. Martin, Morning Star Lodge, No, 42, presented their credentials as representatives; which were referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following report, which was read and referred to the committee on Accounts:

Received, from Brother Foster, balance in hands at the close of the last Grand Communication,	$100 00
Received from the Grand Secretary, as per receipts,	442 00
Total receipts,	$542 00
Paid out, on orders drawn by the Grand Secretary,	127 25
Leaving a balance in the Treasury, up to December 3d, 1840,	$414 75

The Grand Secretary submitted the following report, which was read and referred to the committee on Accounts:

There was remaining in the hands of Brother Foster, late Grand Treasurer, at the close of the last report,	$146 06
Received from subordinate Lodges since last report, up to Dec. 3d, 1840,	442 00
Making total receipts,	$558 06
Since last report there has been warrants drawn amounting to,	127 25
Provided all warrants are paid, and he has received the balance from Brother Foster, there remains in Grand Treasurer's hands,	$460 81

But take from the balance, as above ($460 81), the sum of $46 06 (the balance still in Brother Foster's hands), and the nett amount in the Treasury would be $414 75.

The Grand Secretary would further report the following list of balances against subordinate Lodges, and which is now (under a resolution of the last Grand Lodge), loaned until called for, to-wit:

Vincennes Lodge, $62 25; Union Lodge, $21 75; Lawrenceburg Lodge, $15 00; Harmony Lodge, $22 00; Warren Lodge, $32 00; Center Lodge, $55 00; Webb Lodge, $72 75; Tipton Lodge, $76 62; New Albany Lodge, $34 50,—making,	$391 87
To which add balance on hand,	414 75
Total means,	$806 62

The Grand Secretary further reports, that the following Lodges are delinquent for 1840, to-wit: Lawrenceburg, Warren, Webb, Laporte and Marion Lodges, not represented and no Returns; Liberty Lodge, represented and Returns; New Albany Lodge, not represented, but Returns; Morning Star Lodge, represented, Returns and paid in part.

The amount remaining in the hands of Brother Daniel Kelso, late Grand Secretary, as appears from the books of the Grand Lodge, is $137 52. From this should be deducted such sum as the Grand Lodge may deem reasonable for two years' compensation.

Brother *Hand*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the Returns and credentials referred to them, and find that the following Brethren are representatives:

Brother B. T. Robinson (by appointment), from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; Charles Woodard (by appointment), Union Lodge, No. 2; Caleb B. Smith (*proxy*), Harmony Lodge, No. 11; Samuel J. Mooney (by appointment), Washington Lodge, No. 13; Eli P. Farmer (by appointment), Monroe Lodge, No. 22; P. W. Seibert (by appointment), Center Lodge, No. 23; Isaac Bartlett (*proxy*), Tipton Lodge, No. 33; Philip Mason (by appointment), Liberty Lodge, No. 35; Robert H. Read (by appointment), Clark Lodge, No. 40; Wm. H. Martin (by appointment), Morning Star Lodge, No. 42; Smallwood Noel (by appointment), Wayne Lodge, (U. D.)

The committee have to regret the imperfect Returns of some of the subordinate Lodges; yet they have evidently been made out in good faith. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the above named Brethren be received as representatives from their respective Lodges.

Brother *Noel*, from the committee to whom was referred the resolution relative to investing the funds of the Grand Lodge in Bank Stock, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That after due consideration of the subject, they have been led to the conclusion, that an investment in Bank Stock of the funds of the Grand Lodge would be the best disposition which could be made of them. With reference to their safety and productiveness,—while thus invested, they would yield ten per cent. and be entirely safe from loss. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed, from time to time as any surplus funds belonging to the Grand Lodge may come into his hands, to invest the same in Stock, at the Branch at Indianopolis, of the State Bank of Indiana, to be taken in the name of the Grand Lodge; and all dividends accruing from the same shall be invested in the same manner, until otherwise directed; and said dividends shall be drawn by the Grand Secretary.

Brother *Farmer*, from the committee on Claims, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee, having examined the claims of Brother John Willey, for services rendered in the installation of the officers of Monroe Lodge, No. 22, and recommend that the same be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

In regard to the communication from New Albany Lodge, relative to their inability to meet their Grand Lodge dues, your committee find, in the printed minutes

of 1839, a resolution—"That the amount due by subordinate Lodges, as enumerated in the delinquent list, be retained as a loan, until required by the Grand Lodge; and that previous to such requirement, the Lodges have at least six months' notice." The committee are of opinion, that continued indulgence is calculated to involve the subordinate Lodges in debt and cripple their energies by having heavy claims hanging over them; and would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to take the necessary steps to collect from the several subordinate Lodges the amounts now due from them, with a view to their investment.

As regards the claim of Tipton Lodge, referred to this committee, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That if, upon an examination of the claim of Tipton Lodge, it shall appear just, then the Grand Secretary shall allow such claim as a credit to their account.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the communications from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Ohio, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri and Florida; and find in them much valuable information. From the general tenor of these communications, your committee are pleased to say they afford much ground for congratulation to the Masonic Family, as presenting a most favorable statement of the prosperity of the Craft throughout the country. Your committee recommend a continued interchange of communications with all our sister Grand Lodges, wherever located.

Your committee can not close this report, without calling the attention of this Grand Lodge to a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alabama, in December, 1839.—"That all Grand Lodges in correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Alabama be requested to elect one delegate to meet in general convention, on the first Monday of March, 1842, in the City of Washington, for the purpose of determining upon a uniform mode of work throughout all the Lodges of the United States, and to make other lawful regulations for the interest and security of the Craft." The importance of such a regulation, your committee are satisfied, requires no comment from them; but they recommend for adoption the following resolution,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge unite in the opinion expressed by the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, that it is of the utmost importance to the Craft that a uniform mode of work and system of regulations should pervade all the Lodges throughout the Union; and that we will unite with the Fraternity generally, in any suitable means to accomplish the object.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined all the papers and documents referred to them. They find that the Returns from Wayne Lodge have been made in good faith, and all dues are paid agreeably to the Grand Constitution. They, therefore, recommend that a Charter be granted to said *Wayne Lodge*, No. 25.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report:

The committee have examined the proceedings of the last Grand Lodge, and find a resolution pending for the amendment of the Constitution, so as to allow repre-

sentatives one dollar per day, in addition to the fees by the Grand Constitution, for each day's attendance at the Grand Lodge, in going to and from the same. Your committee would, therefore, recommend that the proposed amendment to the Constitution be adopted.

On motion, the resolution was amended by striking out "one dollar," and inserting *fifty cents*. The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

Brother *Blythe*, from the committee to whom was referred the case of William Askew, made the following report, which, on motion of Brother Woodard, was laid on the table:

The committee see nothing in the case referred to them that requires the attention of the Grand Lodge; but that the subject of reinstating said Askew is a matter belonging exclusively to Vincennes Lodge. They, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee, to whom was referred the subject of the defalcation of Brother Daniel Kelso, late Grand Treasurer, and the charges preferred against said Kelso at the last Annual Grand Communication, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That it was probable, good cause existed in the opinion of the Grand Lodge for preferring said charges. But having seen a letter from Brother Kelso to the Grand Secretary, in which he manifests a disposition to liquidate said claim, and to pay ten per cent. interest for detention until paid,—your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the charges preferred against Brother Kelso be withdrawn, on condition of his paying the amount due from him, with ten per cent. agreeably to his own proposition.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary communicate these resolutions to Brother Kelso, and, at the same time, draw a draft on him for the amount found to be due, at six months; that Brother Kelso be requested to accept said draft, and on refusal so to do, that suit be instituted for said balance so found to be due.

On motion of Brother *Bartlett*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master address a Circular Letter to the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, on the subject of Masonry in general, and particularly enjoining on them,—1st, a more rigid scrutiny into the character of applicants for the privileges of Masonry; 2d, a more strict conformity to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and By-Laws of subordinate Lodges; 3d, more particular and supervisory control over the moral character and conduct of their members.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master*.

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y*.

SATURDAY, December 5, 1840.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Noel*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee find that the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer correspond, both as to the receipts and expenditures. The books of both officers show that the receipts, since the last report, amount to $542 00, and the expenditures, $127 25,—leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, of $414 75.

On motion of Brother *Bartlett*, the following resolutions were adopted

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to correspond with Brother Daniel Kelso, late Grand Secretary, in relation to the situation of the accounts of the subordinate Lodges during the two years in which he was Grand Secretary; and also, to request that he forward all papers he may have in his possession belonging to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to *Wayne Lodge*, No. 25; and that Brother Charles E. Sturges be the first Master thereof, *Smallwood Noel*, the Senior Warden, and *William Rockhill*, the Junior Warden.

Resolved, That Brother Noel be considered as the representative from said Wayne Lodge, and entitled to all the privileges as such.

Brother *Read* offered the following resolution, which was laid over for the consideration of the next Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be so amended, that the third Section of that part of the Constitution which defines the duties of the Grand Treasurer, be stricken out.

Brother *Bartlett* offered for adoption the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge concur in the opinion expressed by the Grand Lodge of Missouri,—that no business, other than appropriate Lectures, should be done in the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Crafts' Lodge; and that this Grand Lodge hereby instruct the Lodges subordinate to her, to hereafter strictly conform to this resolution.

On motion of Brother *Robinson*, the report of the committee in the case of Wm. Askew was taken up, concurred in, and the committee discharged.

On motion of Brother *Martin*, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Morning Star Lodge, No. 42, at Rushville, have an extension of twelve months from this date, for the payment of the balance now due from said Lodge to this M. W. Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, for the ensuing twelve months; Brothers Noel and Martin acting as tellers. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected:

M. W., Philip Mason (of Connersville) Grand Master.
R. W., Isaac Bartlett (of Logansport), Deputy Grand Master.
W., Smallwood Noel (of Fort Wayne), Senior Grand Warden.
" R. H. Read (of Jeffersonville), Junior Grand Warden.
M. R., Eli P. Farmer (of Bloomington), Grand Chaplain.
Austin W. Morris (of Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.
B. I. Blythe (of Indianapolis), Grand Treasurer.
Charles Woodard (of Madison), Senior Grand Deacon.
B. F. Robinson (of Vincennes), Junior Grand Deacon.
Uriah Gates (of Indianapolis), Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge them proceeded to fix the site of the next Grand Communication. On counting the ballots, it appeared that INDIANAPOLIS was duly selected. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge closes, it will close to meet on the Thursday preceding the meeting of the General Assembly for 1841; and that the Grand Secretary give sixty days' notice, in a newspaper printed at Indianapolis.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until six o'clock this evening.

SIX O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Bartlett*, the resolution concurring in the opinion expressed by Missouri Grand Lodge, relative to working in Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Lodges, was taken up, amended so as to read as follows, and then adopted:

Resolved, That the consideration of the recommendation of Missouri Grand Lodge be postponed until the next Annual Grand Communication; and the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge be directed to instruct their representatives at the next Grand Communication, relative to the expediency of adopting the Rule proposed by said Grand Lodge of Missouri.

On motion of Brother *Read*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That no subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall permit any one of a lower degree than a Master Mason, to vote on any subject coming before the Lodge.

Brother *Farmer* from the committee on Claims, made a report, recommending the following allowances, which was concurred in and the Grand Treasurer ordered to pay the same accordingly, to-wit:

To Philip Mason, for services as Grand Master,	$ 5 00
" Isaac Bartlett, " " " Deputy Grand Master,	12 00
" B. F. Robinson, " " " representative from Vincennes Lodge,	13 50
" C. Woodard, " " " " " Union Lodge,	9 00
" Sam'l Mooney, " " " " " Washington Lodge,	9 00
" E. P. Farmer, " " " " " Monroe Lodge,	10 50
" P. W. Seibert, " " " " " Center Lodge,	4 50
" S. Noel, " " " " " Wayne Lodge,	16 50
" R. H. Read, " " " " " Clark Lodge,	16 50
" W. H. Martin, " " " " " Morning Star Lodge,	7 75
" Uriah Gates, " " " Grand Tyler,	6 00
" B. I. Blythe, " " " Grand Treasurer,	4 50
" A. W. Morris, " " " Grand Secretary,	4 50
Making a total of expenses,	$109 25

On motion of Brother *Morris*, the Grand Treasurer was directed to pay to Brother Joseph E. Stretcher, eight dollars out of the Grand Charity Fund, for a coffin furnished a trancient Brother (Thompson), who died at Indianapolis.

On motion of Brother *Bartlett*, the Grand Secretary was directed to furnish to each Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and to each Grand Lodge in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, one copy of the Proceedings of this Annual Grand Communication; and to append thereto a list of all the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Robinson*, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Center Lodge, No. 23, for their kind attention and fraternal regard manifested to this Grand Lodge; also, for the use of their Hall during the present Grand Communication; and that the Grand Secretary communicate a copy of this resolution to said Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Martin*, Morning Star Lodge, No. 42, was granted an extension of twelve months from this date for the balance of their dues to this Grand Lodge.

Brothers Morris, Blythe and Seibert were appointed a committee to prepare the Proceedings for printing.

No further business appearing, after prayer by the M. R. Grand Chaplain in behalf of the Grand Lodge and its members individually, and for the spread of virtue, morality and religion, the Grand Lodge was closed, in peace and harmony, to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of INDIANAPOLIS, on Thursday the second day of December, A. L. 5841, A. D. 1841.

PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest: — AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

Copied — from the Original Minutes.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., DEC. 2, A. L. 5841, A. D. 1841.

M. W., PHILIP MASON, *Grand Master.*

At an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Indianapolis, on Thursday, the second day of December, A. L. 5841, A. D. 1841.—Present,

R. W., Isaac Bartlett, D. G. M., Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W., John Hill, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" Caleb Schmidlapp, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
M. R., Eli P. Farmer, Grand Chaplain.
Austin W. Morris, Grand Secretary.
B. I. Blythe, Grand Treasurer.
Hugh Ferry, Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
Asher Labertue, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
Uriah Gates, Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.—John Foster and Charles Fisher.

Representatives.—From Union Lodge, No. 2, Caleb Schmidlapp; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Hugh Ferry; Harmony Lodge, No. 11, James Samuels; Salem Lodge, No. 21, John L. Menaugh; Monroe Lodge, No. 22, John Hill and A. Labertue; Center Lodge, No. 23, John Cook; Tipton Lodge, No. 33, Jesse C. Douglass; Laporte Lodge, No. 41, C. R. Evans; Morning Star Lodge, No. 42, Wm. H. Martin; Madison Lodge, (U. D.), Wm. H. Mershon and Joseph Chitwood; St. Joseph Lodge, (U. D.), Jacob Hardman; Mount Carmel Lodge, (U. D.), James Samuels, (*proxy*).

Visitors.—Brothers A. W. Harrison, Ephraim Colestock, P. W. Seibert, W. H. Brumfield, S. S. Rooker and S. S. Tipton.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and, after prayer by the M. R. Grand Chaplain, proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Accounts.—Brothers SCHMIDLAPP, HILL and FERRY.
On Grievances.—Brothers LABERTUE and SAMUELS.
On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers MARTIN, FARMER and HILL.
On Unfinished Business.—Brothers MARTIN and FARMER.
On Charters and Dispensations.—Brothers MARTIN and FERRY.
On Returns and Credentials.—Brothers FERRY, FARMER and EVANS.
To examine attendant and visiting Brethren.—Brothers COOK and HARDMAN.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge the communications from Foreign Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, received since the last Grand Communication; which on motion, were referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until six o'clock this evening.

SIX O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—R. W., ISAAC BARTLETT, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother Calvin R. Evans representative from Laporte Lodge, No. 41, presented his credentials and took his seat.

Brother *Martin*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report:

The committee have cursorily examined the communications from the Grand Lodges of Maryland, North Carolina, Florida, Massachusetts, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Connecticut, Alabama, New Hampshire and Georgia, and are highly gratified to find from the tenor of these documents that the sun of Masonry is fast dispelling the clouds that once cast a gloom over her prospects, and that there is a general manifestation of an increase in the prosperity of the Order throughout the country. The committee do not find any thing in these communications to claim the action of the Grand Lodge, excepting the action had by the several Grand Lodges on the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, proposing that "all the Grand Lodges in correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Alabama be requested to elect one delegate to meet in general convention on the first Monday in March, 1842, in the City of Washington, for the purpose of determining on a uniform mode of working throughout the United States, and to make other lawful regulations for the interest and security of the Craft. Your committee find that there is some diversity of opinion, in relation to the matter, among the several Grand Lodges; some opposing the general convention because of its expense, others supporting it, while others again, apparently in favor of it, waive its action for the present.

In relation to the communication received from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, laid before the Grand Lodge at its last Communication, making certain inquiries as to the opinion of this Grand Lodge upon the propriety of discussing the affairs of the Craft in subordinate Lodges, when open in any other than the Masters' degree, do not find the matter generally noticed in the transactions of the different Grand Lodges of the United States. We find the following in relation thereto in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts: "That so far as their information extends, it has been the universal practice of the Lodges under this jurisdiction to discuss all matters in relation either to the Fraternity at large or to their own par-

ticular Lodge, (observing, of course, a proper distinction as to technicalities,) without any reference as to which of the three degrees they may open upon at the time." And your committee are not aware that any evils have resulted from this practice, to which we invite your attention.

The committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be requested to continue the interchange of communications with all our sister Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

Which report was concurred in, except so much as relates to the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, on the subject of a general convention in Washington City, in March, 1842; which part of the report was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Morris, Martin, Cook, Hill and Hardman, with leave to report.

Brother *Martin*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the proceedings and By-Laws of St. Joseph Lodge, (U. D.), and find that the proceedings of the same are recorded, generally, in due form. The committee, however, believe that the 17th Section of the By-Laws conflict with the regulation of the Charter of the Grand Lodge therein expressed; and therefore recommend that this Section be erased from the By-Laws of said Lodge.

The committee have also examined the proceedings and papers of Mount Carmel Lodge, and find the same correct. The said Lodge respectfully petition the Grand Lodge to change the name of said Lodge to *Springfield*, and also to grant a Charter. Your committee, not aware of any thing sufficient to prevent the prayer of said petition from a favorable hearing, would, therefore, ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to the now-called Mount Carmel Lodge, and that Brother M. V. Simonson be the first Worshipful Master thereof, *Levi Ayers*, the Senior Warden, and *Judah Hinkley*, the Junior Warden; and that the name of said Lodge be changed to *Springfield Lodge*, No. 43.

The committee have also examined the minutes of Madison Lodge, (U. D.), and find the same generally correct, with the exception that they fail to notice in what degree they open, close or transact business; which, in the opinon of this committee, is an error not to be overlooked, and should in future be corrected. The Lodge prays a continuance of their Dispensation for another year, which your committee recommend to the favorable consideration of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Martin*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was read and laid on the table:

The committee have examined the matters referred, and respectfully call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the preamble and resolutions offered by Brother Bartlett at the last Grand Communication, and originating in the Grand Lodge of Missouri, in relation to Lodges opening and performing the work of the Lodge in the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft; and ask leave to offer for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is conflicting with the ancient landmarks of Masonry, and of evil tendency, for any Lodge to open and transact any of the labor properly belonging to a Lodge of Master Masons, in any Lodge of a subordinate degree.

Resolved, That all labor not especially pertaining to the degree of Fellow Craft or Entered Apprentice, transacted in either of these degrees is unmasonic and highly injurious to the advancement of the interest of Masonry. Therefore,

Resolved, That, hereafter, all subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of this State, be directed to conform the labor of their respective Lodges exclusively to a Master Masons' degree.

On motion, Brothers Cook, Seibert and Ferry were appointed a committee to wait on Brother Hill, of Monroe Lodge, No. 22, and request him to deliver a lecture before the Grand Lodge previous to its adjournment.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. ISAAC BARTLETT, *G. Master, pro tem.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

FRIDAY, December 3, 1841.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock A. M.—R. W., ISAAC BARTLETT, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother *Cook*, from the committee appointed to wait on Brother Hill, reported that they had performed that duty, and that Brother Hill has agreed to favor the Grand Lodge with a general lecture on Masonry, on to-morrow evening at six o'clock.

Brother *Martin*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, called the attention of the Grand Lodge to a notice given by Brother Read at the last Grand Communication, in relation to making an amendment to that part of the Grand Constitution which relates to the duty of the Grand Treasurer; and in accordance with the spirit of said proposition, the committee presented the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the third Section of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, defining the term of office of the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, be stricken out.

Brother *Ferry* offered for adoption the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved, That Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, have permission so to alter her Charter as to allow said Lodge to hold an election, for officers to govern the same, annually.

Brother *Martin*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, recommended that a further Dispensation—until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge—be granted to St. Joseph Lodge; which was agreed to.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Martin*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the money paid into the Grand Lodge by Morning Star Lodge, No. 42, at this Communication, in payment of dues from said Lodge to this Grand Lodge, be, and the same is hereby remitted, excepting so much thereof as is required to pay for the Charter and the Grand Secretary's fee for the same; and the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to refund to the representative the amount so remitted.

Brother *Cook* presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge closes, it will close to meet again on the fourth Monday in May next.

The following preamble and resolution was offered for adoption:

WHEREAS, The Springfield, Madison and St. Joseph Lodges, now acting under Dispensations from this Grand Lodge, having had the benefit of the same but for a few months, and having paid seventy-five cents dues for each member for one year, agreeably to the requirement of the Grand Constitution: Therefore,

Resolved, That the said Springfield, Madison and St. Joseph Lodges be required to pay only an amount of dues proportionate to the time they have been acting under their several Dispensations, and that the balance be refunded to said Lodges respectively.

Brother *Farmer*, from the committee on Returns and Credentials, made the following report:

The committee have examined the Returns and credentials referred to them, and find that the following Brethren are representatives:

Brother John Law, from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; Caleb Schmidlapp, Union Lodge, No. 2; Hugh Ferry, Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; James Samuels, Harmony Lodge, No. 11; Caleb B. Smith, Warren Lodge, No. 15; J. L. Menaugh, Salem Lodge, No. 21; John Hill, Monroe Lodge, No. 22; John Cook, Center Lodge, No. 23; J. C. Douglass, Tipton Lodge, No. 33; C. R. Evans, Laporte Lodge, No. 41; William H. Martin, Morning Star Lodge, No. 42; William H. Mershon, Madison Lodge, (U. D.); Jas. Samuels, Springfield Lodge, (U. D.); Jacob Hardman, St. Joseph Lodge, (U. D.).

On motion of Brother *C. B. Smith*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges shall hereafter be required to pay this Grand Lodge a fee of fifty cents only, for each member of such subordinate Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until six o'clock this evening.

SIX O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Martin*, Brothers Blythe, Seibert and Foster were appointed a committee to prepare the Proceedings of this Communication of the Grand Lodge for publication, and directed to attach thereto the names of the officers and members of all the subordinate Lodges under this Grand Lodge in due form, also the names of expelled members.

Brother *Morris* offered for adoption the following resolution, which was read and referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Morris, Martin, Cook, Hill and Hardman:

Resolved, That, in view of the jealousy entertained against Masonry, and the fear that the object, however laudable, may be misunderstood by the world, we deem it impolitic to send a delegate to the proposed convention at Washington City, in March next.

On motion, Brothers Cook, Foster and Morris were appointed a committee to report to this Grand Lodge, at its next Grand Communication, the most suitable Masonic Manual for the use of the subordinate Lodges of this State.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following as his annual report—from the 3d day of December, 1840, to the 3d of December 1841, both inclusive—which was read and referred to the committee on Accounts:

Receipts.—There was remaining on hand, at the close of the last year, (provided all balances and Warrants audited were paid),		$460 81
Received from the representatives from subordinate Lodges,		483 37
		$944 18
Expenditures.—Since the last report of Grand Secretary, there has been warrants drawn upon the Grand Treasurer,	$514 00	
There is remaining in the hands of Grand Treasurer (provided all warrants audited to this date have been paid),	351 93	
By amount not yet handed over to the Grand Treasurer by the Grand Secretary,	78 25	
		$944 18

The following Lodges are yet in arrears to the Grand Lodge, (which arrearages were loaned in 1839, but which, by a resolution of last Grand Lodge, was directed to be refunded), to-wit: Vincennes Lodge, $62 25; Lawrenceburg Lodge, $15 00; Warren Lodge (less $7 00) $32 00; Center Lodge, $55 00; Webb Lodge, $72 75; from D. Kelso, late Grand Secretary, $137 52,—total, $374 52.

The following Lodges are delinquent for the years 1840 and 1841, to-wit: Warren Lodge, for 1840–41; Webb Lodge, 1840–41; Wayne Lodge, 1841; Liberty Lodge, 1840–41; New Albany Lodge, 1840–41; Clark Lodge, 1841.

The means of the Grand Lodge consist in the following items:

Bank Stock in Indianapolis Branch,	$300 00
Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands,	354 93
Amount not handed over at making of this report by Grand Secretary,	75 25
Outstanding balances yet due from subordinate Lodges not yet refunded,	237 00
Amount in the hands of Daniel Kelso, late Grand Secretary,	137 52
Dues of delinquents, for 1840–41, estimated at,	230 00
Making total means,	$1,334 70
Our liabilities for present Annual Communication, including pay of officers, appropriations out of Grand Charity Fund, etc.,	300 00
Which will leave, if collections can be made of the out-standing balances, with that invested in Bank Stock,	$1,034 70

According to a resolution of the last Grand Lodge upon the subject, the Grand Secretary opened a correspondence with Brother Kelso, relative to his delinquency; copies of the resolutions of the Grand Lodge were also forwarded to him. His answers accompany this report for reference to the appropriate committee; also, letters from New York and Fort Wayne, on the subject of certain expulsions.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following report, which was read and referred to the committee on Accounts:

Receipts from the Grand Secretary, and disbursements upon warrants drawn by him, from the close of the last Annual Grand Communication to the 3d of Dec., 1841:

Debtor.—Dec. 3d, 1840: To balance on hand,		$414 75
Dec. 4th, Cash of Brother Morris ($34 50, $7 75 and $23 00),		65 25
" 25th, do. " do.		25 00
Jan. 17th, 1841: Cash of Brother Foster,		20 00
Dec. 2d, Cash of Brother Foster, $26 06; A. W. Morris, ($294 00 and $23 50) $317 50,		343 56
		$868 56
Credit.—Dec. 5th, 1840: By Brother Seibert, $4 50; R. H. Read, $16 50; P. Mason, $5 00; S. Noel, 16 50; S. P. Mooney, $9 00; I. Bartlett, $12 00; C. Woodard, $9 00; W. H. Martin, $7 75; B. F. Robinson, $13 50; E. P. Farmer, $10 50,	$101 25	
Dec. 14th, By Uriah Gates,	6 00	
" 17th, " P. W. Seibert,	8 00	
" 18th, " J. Sloan,	2 00	
Feb. 5th, 1841: By J. M. Willey, $5 00; A. W. Morris, $28 00; William Stacy, $2 25,	35 25	
April 13th, By B. I. Blythe,	4 50	
May 6th, " Douglass & Noel,	30 75	
Dec. 2d, " Six shares Bank Stock,	300 00	
" 3d, " A. W. Morris,	23 50	
		514 25
Balance on hand,		$354 31

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

SATURDAY, December 4, 1841.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Mershon*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the resolution that passed this Grand Lodge refunding a portion of dues paid by Lodges under Dispensation, so far as Madison Lodge is concerned, be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish one copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge to each subordinate Lodge, and one to each Grand Lodge in the United States, and such other Grand Lodges and Chapters as, in his opinion, may be most expedient.

On motion of Brother *Hardman*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary take the necessary steps to collect from the several subordinate Lodges the amounts now due from them, with a view to their investment.

The Grand Secretary presented a bill against Laporte Lodge, No. 41, for "one set of Lodge jewels, $20 00;" and on motion, said Lodge was granted further time, until the next Grand Communication, to pay the bill.

On motion of Brother *Hardman*, the Grand Secretary was directed to

collect all the jewels belonging to this Grand Lodge, and report of the same at the next Grand Communication.

Brother *Schmidlapp*, from the committee on Accounts, reported that they have carefully examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them to be correct.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Law*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee—to consist of the M. W. Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer of this Grand Lodge—be appointed, whose duty it shall be to open a correspondence with the subordinate Lodges, on the subject of a general meeting at the seat of Government, at the next Annual Communication, for the purpose of having a Grand Masonic celebration; and that said committee make all the necessary preparations for the same, by selecting a suitable orator for the occasion; and that the Grand Chaplain be invited to attend, also the several Chapters of this State.

On motion of Brother *Martin*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby order and direct, that the jewels heretofore belonging to the St. John's Lodge, No. 18, shall be given into the hands of Wm. H. Martin, for the use of Morning Star Lodge, No. 42; and the Brother now having these jewels in possession, is directed to conform to the intent of this resolution. The jewels to be delivered up to the Grand Lodge, whenever so ordered.

Brother *Cook* presented Brother John Foster's bill for "three days' services installing Madison Lodge, as per appointment of M. W. Grand Master, $4 50;" which was allowed.

On motion of Brother *Cook*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the jewels heretofore belonging to Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, be, and they are hereby ordered to be delivered by the Brother having them in possession to Brother John Hill, for the use of Monroe Lodge, No. 22, and to be retained by them, subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Martin*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the jewels heretofore owned by Hamilton Lodge, No. 32, be, and the same are hereby ordered to be delivered to Wm. H. Mershon, for the use of Madison Lodge; and to be retained by said Lodge, subject to the order of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Martin*, from the committee to whom was referred the case of Brother Kelso, late Grand Secretary, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That by reference to the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, for 1838, relative to Brother Daniel Kelso, your committee find the following action thereon:

"*Resolved*, That the sentiments expressed in the report of Brother Daniel Kelso, in relation to a resolution adopted at the last annual meeting of the Grand Lodge,

on the subject of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, is undignified, abusive, and unworthy of a Mason; and that he is hereby requested to explain.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of the report and resolutions be forwarded to Brother Kelso."

Your committee are satisfied that a copy of the above report and resolutions were forwarded to Brother Daniel Kelso; and instead of offering apology for, or any attempt at a satisfactory explanation of his conduct, he treated the action of this Grand Lodge in the most unmasonic, ungentlemanly and abusive manner; and upon which we find the following action of this Grand Lodge for the year 1839:

"Brother Lane, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to Brother Kelso, made a report on that subject, and preferred the following charges against said Kelso:

"First—Violating the Grand Constitution in Sections 1, 3 and 5 (under the head defining the duties of the Grand Secretary), by failing to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge in person or by agent; failing to pay over moneys in his hands to the Grand Treasurer; failing to make his Return to the Grand Lodge; failing to hand over to his successor the books and papers in his possession.

"Second—For unmasonic conduct, in sending to the Grand Lodge for its action a document couched in low, vulgar and abusive terms."

The committee also submitted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That Daniel Kelso be notified, by the Grand Secretary, of the pendency of the above charges, and require him to answer thereto on the first day of the next Annual Grand Communication."

The resolution was amended so as to request Brother Garrard, of Hartford, to notify Brother Kelso of the pendency of the above charges.

Your committee are informed, that Brother Garrard promptly performed the duty above assigned him; after which, there was a letter written by Brother Daniel Kelso to this Grand Lodge, highly undignified and insulting. By a further reference to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, we find the following proceedings for 1840:

The committee, to whom the subject was referred, reported,—"That it was probable, that good cause existed in the opinion of the Grand Lodge for preferring said charges." But by a subsequent letter addressed by Brother Kelso, it appeared that his defalcation was owing to disappointment in business, and that he is "willing to pay the balance found against him, with ten per cent. interest." The Grand Lodge then resolved, "That the charges preferred against Brother Kelso be withdrawn, on condition of his paying the amount due from him, with ten per cent. interest, agreeably to his own proposition. That the Grand Secretary communicate this resolution to Brother Kelso, and at the same time draw a draft on him for the amount found to be due, at six months; and that Brother Kelso be requested to accept said draft."

The Grand Secretary was further instructed to correspond with Brother Kelso, in relation to the situation of the accounts of the subordinate Lodges during the two years in which he was Grand Secretary; and also to request that he forward all papers he may have in his possession, to this Grand Lodge.

To which action, Brother Kelso offered only contempt, by failing to comply with requisitions of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee have before them two letters from Brother Kelso, in relation to this matter—one dated July 2d, 1841, and the other Nov. 25th, 1841—in which he admits his indebtedness to this Grand Lodge, and admits that he has spoken harshly of the M. W. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge and other worthy Brethren of the same, but refuses to offer any acknowledgment for his error in so doing, and says

that he "never will make any such this side of eternity." Your committee look upon such conduct as highly unmasonic and reprehensible, charity and brotherly love being the corner-stones of our edifice.

Your committee, desirous to promote the interests of the Institution, and of preserving its grand moral landmarks unsullied, respectfully beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward the amount of the indebtedness of Brother Daniel Kelso to some proper person for collection, and that he be instructed to settle or secure the same to the best possible advantage.

Resolved, That Daniel Kelso be expelled from all the privileges of Masonry; and that the same be published.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year; Brothers Law and Blythe acting as tellers. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected, to-wit:

M. W., Philip Mason (of Connersville) Grand Master.
R. W., Isaac Bartlett (of Logansport), Deputy Grand Master.
W., John Hill (of Bloomington), Senior Grand Warden.
" Caleb Schmidlapp (of Madison), Junior Grand Warden.
James Moffatt (of .....), Grand Lecturer.
M. R., Eli P. Farmer (of Bloomington), Grand Chaplain.
William H. Martin (of Rushville), Grand Secretary.
Austin W. Morris (of Indianapolis), Grand Treasurer.
C. R. Evans (of Laporte), Senior Grand Deacon.
Hugh Ferry (of Lawrenceburg), Junior Grand Deacon.
Uriah Gates (of Indianapolis), Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to select a site for the next Annual Grand Communication; and on receiving and counting the ballots, Indianapolis was declared to be duly selected.

On motion of Brother *Bartlett*, the election of Grand Visitors was dispensed with. Also, the rule requiring the Grand Lecturer to be a member of a subordinate Lodge, was dispensed with for the ensuing year.

Brother *Wines*, representative from Wayne Lodge, No. 25, presented a petition from said Lodge, praying the return of twenty-five dollars for reasons therein expressed; which, on motion, was granted.

On motion of Brother *Martin*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the funds on hand and in possession of the Grand Lodge, after defraying the expenses of this Grand Communication, be invested in Stock of the Branch Bank of the State of Indiana, at Indianapolis.

On motion of Brother *Martin*, the Grand Secretary was directed to publish the notice of the next Communication of this Grand Lodge, sixty days previous to such meeting, in a newspaper published in Indianapolis.

On motion of Brother *Bartlett*, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect; which was done in due and ample form.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until six o'clock this evening.

SIX O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

The committee on expenses of the Grand Lodge reported, recommending that the following allowances be made, which was concurred in:

To Philip Mason, M. W. Grand Master, (declined),	$10 50
Isaac Bartlett, R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	12 00
E. P. Farmer, M. R. Grand Chaplain,	10 50
Austin W. Morris, Grand Secretary,	4 50
B. I. Blythe, Grand Treasurer,	4 50
Uriah Gates, Grand Tyler,	6 00
John Law, representative from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1,	10 50
Caleb Schmidlapp, Union Lodge, No. 2,	10 50
Hugh Ferry, Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4,	13 50
Caleb B. Smith, Warren Lodge, No. 15,*	10 50
John L. Menaugh, Salem Lodge, No. 21,	13 50
John Hill, Monroe Lodge, No. 22,	10 50
John Cook, Center Lodge, No. 23,	4 50
Marshal S. Wines, Wayne Lodge, No. 25,	13 50
Jesse C. Douglass, Tipton Lodge, No. 33,	8 50
C. R. Evans, Laporte Lodge, No. 41,	19 50
Wm. H. Martin, Morning Star Lodge, No. 42,	9 00
James Samuels, Springfield Lodge, No. 43,	13 50
Jacob Hardman, St. Joseph Lodge, (U. D.),	19 50
Wm. H. Mershon, Madison Lodge, (U. D.),	7 50

On motion of Brother *Schmidlapp*, the sum of five dollars was allowed to Brother E. P. Farmer, Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, in addition to the allowance made by the committee on expenses.

On motion of Brother *Hardman*, the Grand Secretary was directed to make out the account against Wayne Lodge, No. 25, for dues to this Grand Lodge, up to this date.

No further business being offered, the Throne of Grace was addressed by the M. R. Grand Chaplain in behalf of the Grand Lodge, for the spread of virtue, morality and religion.

The Grand Lodge was then duly closed, to meet at Masons' Hall, in the town of INDIANAPOLIS, on the fourth Monday in May next.

PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WILLIAM H. MARTIN, *G. Sec'y.*

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* No money being returned by Warren Lodge in liquidation of their dues, the representative can not receive any pay as such.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., MAY 23, A. L. 5842, A. D. 1842.

M. W., PHILIP MASON, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the City of Indianapolis, on Monday, the twenty-third day of May, A. L. 5842, A. D. 1842.—Present,

M. W., PHILIP MASON, Grand Master.
R. W., ISAAC BARTLETT, Deputy Grand Master.
W., JOHN HILL, Senior Grand Warden.
" B. F. ROBINSON, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
M. R., ELI P. FARMER, Grand Chaplain.
WILLIAM H. MARTIN, Grand Secretary.
AUSTIN W. MORRIS, Grand Treasurer.
C. R. EVANS, Senior Grand Deacon.
HUGH FERRY, Junior Grand Deacon.
SAMUEL S. ROOKER, Grand Steward and Tyler, *pro tem.*

Past Grand Officers.—James Hogin, Charles Fisher, John Foster and C. I. Hand.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, B. F. Robinson; Union Lodge, No. 2, John M. Watson; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Hugh Ferry; Harmony Lodge, No. 11, George W. Kimble; Salem Lodge, No. 21, J. L. Menaugh; Monroe Lodge, No. 22, John Rogers; Center Lodge, No. 23, Charles Fisher; Wayne Lodge, No. 25, Richard McMullin; Tipton Lodge, No. 33, Chancey Carter; Laporte Lodge, No. 41, A. W. Harrison; Morning Star Lodge, No. 42, Wm. H. Martin; Springfield Lodge, No. 43, M. V. Simonson; Madison Lodge, No. 44, Wm. H. Mershon; St. Joseph Lodge, No. 45, A. C. Penwell.

Visitors.—Rev. John Sala, Geery Hibben, Wm. Sullivan, H. M. Vories, James Dugan, John N. Derringer, Aaron Homan, Uriah Gates, Isaac H. Roll, Enoch Pile, John Cook, E. Colestock, J. L. Bruce, Geo. Bruce, James B. Ray, Hiram Bacon, Noah Noble, John Lister, H. W. Seibert, Thos. Donnellan, Wm. H. Brumfield, Wm. Day, Henry F. Miller, James G. Drum, Thomas M. Smith, John L. Richmond, Alexander Brown, Joseph Jackson, J. W. Paisel, Thomas Silver, J. H. Cook, J. L. Bell, J. W. Walker, Arch. Cooney, S. D. Irish, M. L. Deal, J. S. Hardesty, ... McCune, ... Babcock, Francis Little, H. G. Hazlerigg, Samuel Dicks, G. M. Huggins, J. W. Culton, Thomas Little, J. K. Beebles, H. S. Buntin, John Law, John H. Sanders, ... Lockwood, ... McClure, ... Brownlee, and Thomas King.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and, after prayer by the M. R. Grand Chaplain, proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatatives aforesaid, presented the Returns of their several Lodges and their credentials as representatives, and took their seats accordingly.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, Brothers Hill, Kimble and Percival were appointed a committee to make arrangement for refreshments for the approaching celebration. The members of Center Lodge were requested, if agreeable to them, to invite their wives, sisters and daughters, and also the widows and daughters of deceased Masons, and the wives, sisters and daughters of visiting Brethren. And,

On motion of Brother *Watson*, the committee were instructed to ascertain the views of Center Lodge relative to the above request.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge a communication from J. Brandon, in relation to matters therein contained; which, on motion of Brother Harrison, was laid on the table.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, the Grand Secretary was directed, in his settlement with subordinate Lodges, to charge their dues for a full year.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Finance—Brothers CARTER, FISHER and HARRISON.
On Grievances.—Brothers ROBINSON, KIMBLE and PENWELL.
On Visitors.—Brothers SIMONSON and WATSON.
On Unfinished Business.—Brothers WATSON and EVANS.
On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers WATSON, CARTER and EVANS.
On Claims.—Brothers ROBINSON, ROGERS and FISHER.
On Dispensations.—Brothers FARMER, KIMBLE and FOSTER.
On Credentials.—Brothers FOSTER and FISHER.

On motion of Brother *Carter*, Brothers Mason, Morris and Fisher were appointed a committee to examine the condition of all the Lodges now under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Kimble*, the communication from J. Brandon was taken up and referred to the committee on Grievances.

Brother *Harrison* presented a petition from John E. Harris and others, praying for a Dispensation to work as a Lodge of Masons, at Valparaiso, in Porter county. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Dispensation issue to the petitioners, by the name of *Porter Lodge*; that Brother JOHN E. HARRIS be the first Master thereof, *A. S. Campbell*, the Senior Warden, and *Arthur Bell*, the Junior Warden.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge sundry communications from foreign Grand Lodges; which were referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Brother *Morris* presented a petition from Samuel Taylor and others, at Greencastle, praying for a Dispensation authorizing them to work as a regular Lodge of Masons. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Dispensation be granted to the petitioners, by the name of *Greencastle Lodge;* that Brother SAMUEL TAYLOR be the first Master thereof, *John Sala*, the Senior Warden, and *W. L. Hart*, the Junior Warden.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WM. H. MARTIN, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, May 24, 1842.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M.—R. W., ISAAC BARTLETT, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother *Carter* presented a petition from A. M. Berry and others, at Delphi, praying for a Dispensation to enable them to meet as a Lodge of Masons. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Dispensation issue to the petitioners, by the name of *St. John's Lodge;* that A. M. BERRY be the first Master thereof, *Samuel Milroy*, the Senior Warden, and *Daniel Shoup*, the Junior Warden.

Brother *Carter*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report:

The committee have examined the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire, New York, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Ohio, Missouri, and Aakansas, and the Journal of the Convention of Delegates from the Grand Lodges of the United States held at Washington City in March last.

The committee are happy to state, that the cause of Masonry is steadily advancing in peace and prosperity; but they find nothing calling for the special action of this Body, except some propositions which have heretofore been submitted to the consideration of the Grand Lodge and not finally acted upon,—the most important of which, the committee find were deliberately considered and recommended by the Convention at Washington City. Your committee would again call the attention of this Grand Lodge to some of the most important.

That Convention was composed of delegates from ten of the Grand Lodges of the United States; this Grand Lodge, with many others, having declined to participate in it.

The resolution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, relative to establishing a uniform mode of working throughout the United States, was carefully and attentively considered; and as the result of these deliberations, they recommend, "that some means should be immediately adopted to check the digressions, and to establish a uniform method of conferring the degrees, and for the purpose of preserving, according to a pure and unchangeable system, the ceremonies and Lectures of the ancient

Craft;" they recommend, that every Grand Lodge in the United States appoint one or more skillful Brethren, to be styled Grand Lecturers, who shall convene at Baltimore on the second Monday in May, 1843, and at least once in three years thereafter, at some central place, and agree upon a course of instruction necessary and proper to the Lodges and Fraternity in the several jurisdictions.

The Convention further recommends, as an additional safeguard against the abuse of Masonic privileges by the unworthy, that the Grand Lodges advise or direct their subordinate Lodges to demand Certificates of the good standing of Brethren who are strangers and making calls upon our charity or fellowship, which Certificates shall emanate from the Grand Lodge from the jurisdiction of which they hail.

The Convention also reprehend the practice (which is believed by your committee to prevail to some extent under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge), of receiving promissory notes for the fee for conferring the degrees, instead of demanding payment therefor before the degrees are conferred.

The practice of transacting Masonic business in Lodges below the degree of Master Mason, except such as appertain to conferring the inferior degrees and the instructions therein, the Convention deems improper, and recommends that it should be discontinued.

Your committee fully concur in all the foregoing recommendations of the Convention, and believe that the prosperity of the Craft would be promoted by their immediate adoption.

The Convention also express the opinion, that suspension for non-payment of Lodge dues, or erasing the name of a member from the rolls, as it has been practiced to some extent under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, is, during the term of such suspension, a deprivation of membership,—a deprivation of *all* Masonic privileges. Your committee have given the subject the consideration to which the high source from which it emanates entitles it, and the limited time allowed the committee permits; but they are not yet prepared to recommend its adoption by this Grand Lodge.

The representative system adopted by some of the Grand Lodges, and recommended by the Convention, your committee will not now recommend to the consideration of this Grand Lodge; although it might tend, in some measure, to promote and extend the intercourse of Masonry in the neighboring States. Yet your committee believe that information of the acts and doings of the Craft, not only in the United States but throughout the world, may be obtained with greater facility, certainty and economy, through the medium of the various Masonic Periodicals of the day,—among the foremost of which we rank the *Masonic Mirror*, published at Maysville, and the *Masonic Magazine*, published in Boston.

The committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a Grand Lecturer be appointed, whose duty it shall be to meet the Grand Lecturers of other Grand Lodges at such times and places as shall be agreed upon, and confer upon the course of instruction proper to be imparted to the Fraternity.

Resolved, That all labor or business not specially pertaining to conferring the degrees, and the necessary instructions of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Craft Masons, in Lodges below the degree of Master Mason, is unmasonic and highly injurious to the advancement and true interest of Masonry; and that, hereafter, all subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be directed to conform the labor of the respective degrees to matters especially pertaining thereto.

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges be, and hereby are advised to require from Brethren who are strangers and making calls upon their charity or fellowship, certificates of their good standing, emanating from the Lodge from which

they hail, and known to be working under the authority of a legally constituted Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges be, and they are hereby expressly directed to require the fees for conferring the degrees, to be invariably paid in advance; and that in all cases, except of an officiating clergyman, this resolution shall not be deviated from.

The report, generally, was concurred in, with the exception of the first resolution, which was referred to a committee of the whole for this afternoon at two o'clock.

Brother *Watson*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, reported that they find nothing requiring the consideration of the Grand Lodge at this time.

Brother *Foster*, from the committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee have examined the Returns and credentials referred to them, and find that the following Brethren are representatives:

Brother B. F. Robinson, (W. M.), from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; J. M. Watson, (W. M.), Union Lodge, No. 2; G. W. Kimball, (S. W.), Harmony Lodge, No. 11; Jon. Rogers, (by appointment), Monroe Lodge, No. 22; Charles Fisher, (W. M.), Center Lodge, No. 23; C. Carter, (W. M.), Tipton Lodge, No. 33; A. W. Harrison, (by appointment), Laporte Lodge, No. 41; Wm. H. Martin, (W. M.), Morning Star Lodge, No. 42; M. V. Simonson, (W. M.), Springfield Lodge, No. 43.

On motion of Brother *Carter* the committee appointed to examine the condition of subordinate Lodges was directed to report, at this meeting of the Grand Lodge, all the resolutions now in force in relation to subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.

On motion, Brothers Morris, Cook and Fisher were appointed a committee to prepare the Proceedings of this Grand Communication for publication.

On motion of Brother *Foster*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required to take charge of the desk belonging to this Grand Lodge, now in possession of Brother A. W. Morris, and remove it to the Hall of Center Lodge; and that the Grand Secretary be further required to arrange all the books and papers belonging to the Grand Lodge, and place them in the desk for safe-keeping.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge closes, it will close to meet again on the fourth Monday of May, 1843.

Brother *Martin* laid before the Grand Lodge a bill from Brother Hugh Ferry, for expenses incurred in the service of the Grand Lodge; which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Brother *Hill*, from the committee instructed to ascertain the views of Center Lodge, reported that said Lodge had resolved, "That the members of Center Lodge invite the females of their families to partake of the dinner to be had on the day of the Grand Lodge's procession;" which report was concurred in.

Brother *Farmer*, from the committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee have examined the proceedings and By-Laws of St. Joseph's Lodge, (U. D.), and find the proceedings of the same recorded in due form, and that the By-Laws of said Lodge are in accordance with the Grand Constitution and regulations of this Grand Lodge. Your committee are informed by Brother A. C. Penwell, who is a member and also Junior Warden of St. Joseph's Lodge, that it is the wish of said Lodge, that a Charter be granted them by this Grand Lodge. Your committee, not aware of any thing to prevent the granting a Charter, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to St. Joseph's Lodge, at South Bend, as *St. Joseph's Lodge*, No. 45; and that Brother John Rush be the first Master thereof, *Hugh C. Flannigan*, the Senior Warden, and *A. C. Penwell*, the Junior Warden.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

Two o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—R. W., Isaac Bartlett, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother John L. Menaugh, representative from Salem Lodge, No. 21, and W. H. Mershon, from Madison Lodge (U. D.), presented their credentials, and took their seats. The papers were referred to the committee on Credentials.

Brother *Hill*, from the committee appointed to procure refreshments, etc., recommended that the Grand Lodge dine at the Palmer House, on next Thursday; which was, on motion, concurred in.

Brother *Robinson*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee to whom was referred the communication of J. Brandon, report,—that they do not find the document addressed to this Grand Lodge, neither can they find any thing tangible upon which to act. They, therefore, ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the same.

On motion of Brother *Harrison*, Laporte Lodge was allowed six months further time to make payment to this Grand Lodge, for their jewels.

The resolution, relative to appointing a Grand Lecturer, was taken up, and, on motion of Brother *Martin*, stricken out, and the following adopted as a substitute, to-wit:

"*Resolved*, That while we feel that great advantages would be derived from a more uniform mode of work than is now pursued by the Masonic Fraternity throughout the United States,—and while we have a high respect for the opinions expressed in the resolutions adopted by the Convention at Washington City, in March last, emanating, as they do, from the lights of Masonry,—yet this Grand Lodge does not feel itself pecuniarily prepared to adopt the spirit and meaning of the resolution of the Convention recommending the appointing of a Grand Lecturer to convene with other Grand Lecturers from the various Grand Lodges of the United States, on the second Monday in May, 1843."

On motion of Brother *Martin*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when any member shall hereafter be suspended, for any cause, from the privileges of the subordinate Lodge of which he is a member, he shall be deprived of all the privileges pertaining to a Mason, in all the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, until he shall be reinstated to full communion with the Lodge from which he was originally suspended.

On motion, Brothers Morris and Harrison were appointed a committee to select a Marshal to act during the coming procession. And Brothers Foster, Stretcher and Colestock were appointed a committee to assist the Marshal in making out the order of procession, and arranging the ladies and visitors in the Church, etc.

The committee appointed to ascertain the number of subordinate Lodges subject to this Grand Lodge, asked leave until the next Annual Communication to make report; which was granted.

On motion of Brother *Ferry*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, have permission to resume labor again, as a regular Lodge of Masons; and that the dues of said Lodge to this Grand Lodge be remitted, and that Brother Ferry inform them of the same.

On motion of Brother *Harrison*, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Various subordinate Lodges are, and have been in arrears, within the last three years past, contrary to the regulations of this Grand Lodge: Therefore,

Resolved, that unless said Lodges pay up such arrears, at or before the next Annual Grand Communication, or show good cause for such delay, their Charters will be declared forfeited.

Brother *Farmer*, from the committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the proceedings of Madison Lodge, (U. D.), and find that the proceedings of the same are recorded in due form. The said Lodge respectfully petition the Grand Lodge to grant them a Charter. Your committee, not aware of any thing to prevent the prayer of said petitioners being granted, would ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to said Lodge, under the name of *Madison Lodge*, No. 44; and that Brother SAMUEL D. IRISH be the first Master thereof, *Joseph Chitwood*, the Senior Warden, and *William Roach*, the Junior Warden.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That upon application to the M. W. Grand Master, of the requisite number of Master Masons residing at any place where a Lodge has been herteofore established (subordinate to this Grand Lodge), he shall, in his discretion, grant to said Brethren, agreeably to their petition, permission to resume work under the old Charter ot the Lodge.

Resolved, That, upon any such application being made within twelve months, all former dues and arrearages shall be remitted; and, in the event of any Lodge, which stands as delinquent not availing themselves of the provision of this resolution within the time prescribed, then all such delinquent Lodges shall be stricken from the roll of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge. And these resolutions are hereby considered as giving the notice required to be given by the Grand Lodge to delinquent subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary furnish one copy of the printed Proceedings of this Grand Communication to some Brother residing at each point where delinquent Lodges are located.

Resolved, That no Lodge which has become delinquent within the last three Annual Grand Communications, shall be permitted to avail themselves of the provisions of these resolutions.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following annual report of receipts and expenditures, from the 3d of Dec., 1841, to the 24th of Dec., 1842:

Receipts.—1841—from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1,	$17 50
From Center Lodge, No. 23,	40 00
" Wayne Lodge, No. 25,	5 00
" New Albany Lodge, No. 39,	39 75
1842—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1,	14 00
From Union Lodge, No. 2,	14 00
" Harmony Lodge, No. 11,	6 75
" Salem Lodge, No. 21,	13 50
" Monroe Lodge, No. 22,	11 50
" Center Lodge, No. 23,	23 50
" Tipton Lodge, No. 33,	25 00
" Laporte Lodge, No. 41,	9 50
" Morning Star Lodge, No. 42,	6 00
" Springfield Lodge, (U. D.),	4 50
" St. Joseph Lodge, (U. D.),	27 50
Remaining in hands of Bro. Blythe, late Gr. Treas., and paid to Bro. Morris,	354 31
In hands of Brother Morris, as late Grand Secretary,	75 25
Total receipts and cash on hand,	$687 56
Expenditures.—Paid out on warrants, drawn since Dec. 3d, 1841,	279 00
Remaining in the Grand Treasury, provided all claims audited are paid,	$408 56

The Grand Treasurer made the following report of receipts and expenditures, for the year ending May 24th, 1841:

Receipts.—From Brother Blythe, late Grand Treasurer,	$354 31
From the late Grand Secretary,	75 25
" Subordinate Lodges, as per Grand Secretary's report,	258 00
Total amount of receipts,	$687 56
Expenditures.—Paid, as expenses for the last Grand Communication, as per audited warrants by the Grand Secretary,	279 00
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, at the making of this report,	$408 56

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WM. H. MARTIN, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, May 25, 1842.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M. M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Foster*, from the committee on Credentials, reported the following Brethren as representatives:

The committee have examined the credentials referred to them, and find that the following Brethren are representatives:

Brother Hugh Ferry, (*proxy* for Brother Lane), from Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; John L. Menaugh, (by appointment), Salem Lodge, No. 21; R. McMullen, (by appointment), Wayne Lodge, No. 25; A. C. Penwell, (by appointment), St. Joseph Lodge, (U. D.); W. H. Mershon, (by appointment), Madison Lodge, (U. D.)

On motion of Brother *Seibert*, the committee appointed to obtain music for the coming procession, was instructed to employ the Indianapolis Band, upon terms not to exceed twenty-five dollars for their services.

The Grand Secretary made the following report:

That, in conformity with the requirements of the last Grand Communication, he had written to all the delinquent Lodges throughout the State, requiring them to discharge the amount of their indebtedness to this Grand Lodge. Their several accounts were made out in accordance with the Grand Secretary's books, and an urgent request was made to them to liquidate those claims at this Grand Communication.

The Grand Secretary would further say, that he has attended to the matter entrusted to him in relation to Daniel Kelso, former Secretary of this Grand Lodge; and, through the agency of Brother Hugh Ferry, has obtained a settlement of the claim against Daniel Kelso, by taking his notes, as follows: His note, dated February 12th, 1842, for $58 50, due twelve months after date; and his note, dated 12th February, 1842, for $57 25, due two years after date,—making, in all, $115 75; which, together with a bill presented by him for services as Grand Secretary, not before allowed him, balances his account as Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary has discharged all the duties assigned him by the last Grand Communication, excepting the collection of the jewels belonging to this Grand Lodge. The relation of many of the various subordinate Lodges that have had existence, or do now exist, with this Grand Lodge, is so doubtful that the Grand Secretary found it impossible to comply with the requisition of the last Grand Lodge in relation to this matter.

On motion of Brother *Carter*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish three copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge to each of the subordinate Lodges, one copy to each member of the Grand Lodge, one copy to each Grand Lodge in the United States, one copy to each of the Editors of the *Masonic Magazine* in Boston and the *Masonic Mirror* at Maysville; and to such other Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters as he may deem expedient, and one copy to each of the Royal Arch Chapters in the State of Indiana.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to cause notice to be given, of the time and place of holding the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, by publication in two of the newspapers published at the City of Indianapolis, for sixty days prior thereto.

On motion of Brother *Ferry*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge be requested to give their views, at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge, on the subject of attempting to establish a school on the manual labor system, and the best manner of obtaining a farm for that purpose, for the education of the orphan children of Masons; and that they propose the best plan for such an establishment.

On motion, the election of Grand Lecturer and Grand visitors was dispensed with.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to its annual election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year; Brothers Harrison and Kimble acting as tellers. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected:

M. W., PHILIP MASON (of Connersville) Grand Master.
R. W., ISAAC BARTLETT (of Logansport), Deputy Grand Master.
W., JOHN M. WATSON (of Madison), Senior Grand Warden.
" HUGH FERRY (of Lawrenceburg), Junior Grand Warden.
M. R., ELI P. FARMER (of Bloomington), Grand Chaplain.
AUSTIN W. MORRIS (of Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.
JOHN FOSTER (of Indianapolis), Grand Treasurer.
A. W. HARRISON (of Laporte), Senior Grand Deacon.
JOHN L. MENAUGH (of Salem), Junior Grand Deacon.
SAMUEL S. ROOKER (of Indianapolis), Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to select, by ballot, a site for the next Annual Grand Communication; whereupon, the City of Indianapolis was declared duly selected.

The M. W. Grand Master presented a petition from Joseph Warner and others, praying for a Dispensation to meet together and work as a Lodge of Masons, at Washington, in Daviess county. Whereupon, that part of the Constitution requiring a certificate from a regular Lodge to accompany the petition was dispensed with, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That a Dispensation issue to the petitioners, by the name of *Charity Lodge*, at Washington, Daviess county; that JOSEPH WARNER be the first Master thereof; *John Vantreese*, the Senior Warden, and *Joseph Calhoun*, the Junior Warden.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Tippecanoe Lodge, (U. D.), be authorized to take possession of the jewels and furniture of Perry Lodge, No. 37, forfeited by said Lodge; and that they be reported to the next Grand Lodge; and that said Tippecanoe Lodge have the preference in the purchasing of said jewels at the next convention of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge the petition of Chester G. Ballard, a Master Mason, suspended by Scott Lodge, No. 12, in the year 1827,—praying to be reinstated to all the privileges of the Craft. Whereupon, on motion of Brother *Carter*, the prayer of the petitioner was granted.

Brother *Robinson*, from the committee on Claims, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have audited the accounts of the present Grand Communication, and recommend that the following claims for services be allowed:

To Brother Philip Mason, M. W. Grand Master,	$ 12 00
Isaac Bartlett, Deputy Grand Master,	12 00
Eli P. Farmer, Grand Chaplain,	12 00
John Hill, Senior Grand Warden,	12 00
C. R. Evans, Senior Grand Deacon,	18 00
Hugh Ferry, Junior Grand Deacon,	15 00
do. for services in settling accounts with Daniel Kelso,	4 50
William H. Martin, Grand Secretary,	45 00
do for postage, etc.,	2 87
Austin W. Morris, Grand Treasurer,	6 00
Samuel S. Rooker, Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*,	8 00
B. F. Robinson, representative from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, (order only for $14 00),	15 00
John M. Watson, Union Lodge, No. 2,	12 00
George W. Kimble, Harmony Lodge, No. 11, (order only for $6 75),	12 00
John L. Menaugh, Salem Lodge, No. 21,	13 50
Jonathan Rogers, Monroe Lodge, No. 22,	12 00
Charles Fisher, Center Lodge, No. 23,	6 00
Richard McMullin, Wayne Lodge, No. 25,	15 00
C. Carter, Tipton Lodge, No. 33,	12 00
A. W. Harrison, Laporte Lodge, No. 41, (order only for $9 50),	18 00
M. V. Simonson, Springfield Lodge, No. 43, (order only for $4 50),	12 00
Wm. H. Mershon, Madison Lodge, No. 44,	7 50
A. C. Penwell, St. Joseph Lodge, No. 45,	18 00
John Foster, services in preparing Proceedings of 1841 for publication,	4 50
Sexton of the Methodist Episcopal Church,	2 00
Musicians for celebration (including dinner, etc.),	35 50
Editors of *Indiana Sentinel*, for publishing Notice,	2 00
Printing Hymns for celebration,	3 00
Total amount,	$347 37

Brother *Carter*, from the committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have compared the vouchers in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, and find that they correspond with the report of payments made by him. We have also compared the same vouchers with the allowances made by the Grand Lodge agreeably to the report of the committee on Claims of last Grand Communication, and find that the warrants correspond with the amounts allowed by the Grand Lodge, except as to the sum of fifteen dollars paid to the Grand Secretary for his services as such, and the amount paid for printing the Proceedings of the last Grand Communication. These two items appear to be reasonable, and the committee believe ought to be paid.

The amount of the Grand Secretary's books corresponds with his report. The fiscal concerns of the Grand Lodge appear to have been carefully managed by the Grand Secretary, and to the entire satisfaction of your committee.

The books for keeping the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, are totally unfit for the purpose; and the committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure suitable books for keeping the accounts.

The Grand Lodge ordered that Brother Watson, of Union Lodge, No. 2, be appointed an agent, to dispose of the Carpet of Solomon Lodge, now in the possession of Union Lodge, and belonging to this Grand Lodge,—

giving Lawrenceburg Lodge the preference in such purchase; and that he report herein at the next Grand Communication.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Center Lodge, for the use of their Hall, and for their kind attention to the members in attendance upon this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Harrison*, the Grand Secretary was directed to place to the credit of subordinate Lodges, (the fees of whose representatives varying from the amount of dues paid into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge), the *difference* between the amount paid by such subordinate Lodge and the amount of the representative's fees.

The Grand Lodge ordered, that Brother Ferry procure the Carpet of the late Vevay Lodge, and have the same at the next Annual Grand Communication.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—WM. H. MARTIN, *G. Sec'y.*

FRIDAY, May 26, 1842.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock A. M.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Menaugh* offered for consideration the following resolution, which by the Constitution lies over until the next Grand Communication:

Resolved, That all officers and representatives shall hereafter be entitled to receive the sum of one dollar only, as their per diem allowance under the Constitution.

Brother *Martin* offered for consideration the following resolution, which by the Constitution lies over until the next Grand Communication:

Resolved, That, hereafter, the Secretary and Treasurer of this Grand Lodge shall be eligible for re-election to the same office, any number of times.

On motion of Brother *Menaugh*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That next year, and forever thereafter, the dues from subordinate Lodges to this Grand Lodge shall be *seventy-five cents* for each member, instead of fifty cents, as now charged.

On motion of Brother *Harrison*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That next year the Grand Secretary shall receive from the subordinate Lodges Bankable funds *only;* and that the Grand Treasurer, after paying such sums as may be directed by this Grand Lodge, shall deposit the remainder, if any, in the Bank of Indianapolis, for safe-keeping, if such amount be less than sufficient to purchase one share, and if more, then he shall purchase Bank Stock therewith as provided in resolutions already in force on that subject.

On motion of Brother *Kimble*, the Grand Secretary was directed to procure or purchase the engraving of a suitable Diploma, and to have printed on suitable paper and ready for the signatures of Grand Officers at the

next Grand Communication, a number of Diplomas equal to all the members of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Carter*, the M. W. Grand Master was requested to report to the next Grand Communication, a suitable insignia and banner for this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be a committee, with power to appoint all others if necessary, to make suitable arrangements for a public procession and oration on the occasion, on the fourth day of our next Annual Grand Communication.

The Grand Officers elect being duly installed, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for the purpose of joining in procession with Center Lodge and the ladies of Indianapolis agreeably to arrangements previously made, and marched to the M. E. Church, in Indianapolis, where an able and eloquent Address, suitable to the occasion, was delivered by the M. W. Grand Master,—subject of discussion, "*what is Masonry?*" After partaking of refreshments at the Palmer House, the procession returned to the Hall, at five o'clock; and the Grand Lodge was called to labor again.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the M. W. Grand Master, for his Address upon the subject of "*Masonry.*"

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the Indianapolis Band for their services; and to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for their kind tender of their house on this occasion.

The Grand Lodge was then closed, in ample form, until the next Annual Grand Communication. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

STATEMENT *of subordinate Lodges, with the number of members and initiations in each in* 1842; *also, showing their delinquencies.*

LODGES.	*Members.*	*Initiations.*	LODGES.	*Members.*	*Initiations.*
Vincennes Lodge, No. 1,	18	2	New Albany Lodge, No. 39,*	.....	...
Union Lodge, No. 2,	24	2	Clarke Lodge, No. 40,*	.....	...
Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4,	18	.....	Laporte Lodge, No. 41,	19	...
Harmony Lodge, No. 11,	11	.....	Morning Star Lodge, No. 42,	12	...
Washington Lodge, No. 13,*	.....	.....	Springfield Lodge, No. 43,	9	...
Warren Lodge, No. 15,	10	.....	Madison Lodge, No. 44,	9	3
Salem Lodge, No. 21,	19	2	St. Joseph's Lodge, No. 45,	23	8
Monroe Lodge, No. 22,	15	2	Porter Lodge, (U. D.), ‡	.....	...
Center Lodge, No. 23,	35	3	Greencastle Lodge, (U. D.), ‡	.....	...
Webb Lodge, No. 24, †	.....	.....	St. John's Lodge, (U. D.), ‡	.....	...
Wayne Lodge, No. 25,	28	3	Tippecanoe Lodge, (U. D.), ‡	.....	...
Tipton Lodge, No. 33,	32	2	Charity Lodge, (U. D.), ‡	.....	...
Liberty Lodge, No. 35,*	.....	.....			

* No Returns for 1841 and 1842. † No Returns for 1840, 1841 and 1842. ‡ Dispensation issued in May, 1842.

STATEMENT OF THE GRAND LODGE'S MEANS, UP TO CLOSE OF 1842.

The means of the Grand Lodge consists in the following items, as ascertained from reports and papers on file in the office of the Grand Secretary, to-wit:

Supposed balance in Grand Treasury after paying expenses of Grand Lodge, 1842, including printing Proceedings,		$50 00
Bank Stock in Indianapolis Branch Bank,		300 00
Dividends undrawn, say,		25 00
Outstanding balances against subordinate Lodges,—*First*, on loans as follows: Lawrenceburg Lodge, balance of loan, 1839,		10 00
Center Lodge, loan of 1839,		55 00
Webb Lodge, loan of 1839,		72 75
Laporte Lodge, for one set of jewels purchased,		20 00
Daniel Kelso's two notes, (placed in the hands of Bro. Ferry for collection)		115 75
Second, on dues from delinquent Lodges, as follows: Washington Lodge, for 1841 and 1842, (supposed),		30 00
Webb Lodge, for 1840, 1841 and 1842, (supposed),		130 00
Liberty Lodge, for 1841 and 1842, (supposed),		25 00
New Albany Lodge, for 1841 and 1842, (supposed),		40 00
Clark Lodge, for 1841 and 1842, (supposed),		25 00
Third, notes and receipts of moneys loaned, as follows; Orders and receipts in favor of Wm. Marshall, to be expended by him and David Burr for the relief of Robert Burge's family. (See appropriation of 1824, and Proceedings of 1825. No evidence of this fund having been expended being on file, it is, therefore, charged as means),		200 00
One note of M. G. Clark, dated October 5th, 1827,		75 00
One note of Henry Hurst, dated November 20th, 1825,		20 00
One note of C. I. Hand, dated September 1st, 1828,		8 00
One note on Jonathan Jennings, dated October 6th, 1825,		10 00
One receipt of W. Smith, Treasurer of Union Lodge, for money loaned to the Lodge, October 20th, 1826,		12 00
One note on Jonathan Jennings, dated October 9th, 1824,		10 00
One order in favor of S. Noel (being a loan), dated December 5th, 1827,		5 00
One account against J. H. Richardson, for money collected of the Lodge at Evansville by order of Gr. Sec'y Lanier, and never accounted for,		11 50
Making total of means, when collected, to be converted into Bank Stock,		$1,251 00
Fourth, funds loaned out to subordinate Lodges, to be applied, when collected, exclusively to the erection of a Gr. Masonic Hall: In 1829, to Union Lodge, $60 00; Blazing Star Lodge, $60 00; Harmony Lodge, $30 00; Wayne Lodge, $60 00; Tipton Lodge, $54 00; Philanthropic Lodge, $30 00,	$294 00	
In 1830, to Lawrenceburg Lodge, $64 00; Liberty Lodge, $36 00,	100 00	
In 1836, to Rising Sun Lodge,	45 00	
		439 00
Total means of the Grand Lodge,		$1,690 00

Copied—From the original Minutes.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., MAY 22, A. L. 5843, A. D. 1843.

M. W., PHILIP MASON, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the City of Indianapolis, on Monday, the twenty-second day of May, A. L. 5843, A. D. 1843.—Present,

M. W., PHILIP MASON, Grand Master.
R. W., ISAAC BARTLETT, Deputy Grand Master.
W., HUGH FERRY, Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" GEORGE W. HARDIN, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
M. R., ELI P. FARMER, Grand Chaplain.
AUSTIN W. MORRIS, Grand Secretary.
JOHN FOSTER, Grand Treasurer.
H. S. BUNTIN, Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
J. L. MENAUGH, Junior Grand Deacon.
SAMUEL S. ROOKER, Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.—John B. Duret and John Foster.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, H. S. Buntin; Union Lodge, No. 2, M. G. Bright (*proxy*); Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, J. F. Crider; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Hugh Ferry (*proxy*); Salem Lodge, No. 21, John L. Menaugh; Monroe Lodge, No. 22, George W. Hardin; Center Lodge, No. 23, John Cook; Tipton Lodge, No. 33, Spear S. Tipton; New Albany Lodge, No. 39, James B. Russell; Clarke Lodge, No. 40, R. S. Heiskell; Laporte Lodge, No. 41, Abner Bailey; St. Joseph's Lodge, No. 45, A. C. Penwell; Porter Lodge, (U. D.), E. C. Abbott; Charity Lodge, (U. D.), Joseph Warner; Bedford Lodge, (U. D.), H. T. N. Benedict; St. John's Lodge, (U. D.) R. C. Green; Montgomery Lodge, (U. D.), Taylor W. Webster; Greencastle Lodge, (U. D.), Samuel Dicks; Delaware Lodge, (U. D.), S. P. Anthony; Columbus Lodge, (U. D.), Francis Little.

Visitors.—Brothers Pilbean, Charles Fisher, E. A. Hannegan, J. F. Brown, James W. Borden, D. Eagan, James Whitcomb, J. H. Roll, John Law, George Lauckerbie, Asher Laberteu, D. B. Farrington, Dougan, Evans, Bruce, Lister, Bird, Naylor, Cox, Gillespie, Daniel Mace, and Beard.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and, after prayer by the M. R. Grand Chaplain, proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatives aforesaid, presented the Returns of their several Lodges and their credentials as representatives, and took their seats accordingly.

The M. W. Grand Master then delivered the following Inaugural Address, which was directed to be entered on the minutes:

Brethren:—By the permission of a Divine Providence, we have again convened at the wonted time. I can not help congratulating you on the occasion. The number in attendance, the virtue and talent that have come up, can not but be highly gratifying to all; and the more so to me, as I feel the want of that aid which I am assured is at hand, and which alone will enable me to discharge the high and responsible duties imposed upon the station in which you have placed me.

At a time when the embarrassments of the country stand unparalleled in our history, it could not have been expected that so many would have taken upon themselves the burden and expense of endeavoring to advance the interest of an Institution whose basis is charity, and the practice of the moral and social relations of man; it is another proof of the unerring law of our nature, that man is formed for social enjoyment, and that feeling will triumph over all others,—ambition may for a time take possession of the human mind, yet, like the needle to the pole, it will return to its wonted enjoyment, the converse of his fellow man.

In opening this meeting of the Grand Lodge, by written communication, I have followed my own sence of propriety, supported by the example set by several of the Grand Lodges. The station of Grand Master places the incumbent in a situation to become acquainted with many things connected with the general interest of the Craft, that would not reach private members. The possession of this information at home, assisted by the perusal of all foreign communications, qualifies him to annually lay before the Grand Lodge such suggestions as may not only interest the Craft, but greatly facilitate the business of the Grand Communication. It is hoped that the view taken will be a sufficient apology for the remarks made, and the plan approved by the Brethren.

Since our last year's meeting, nothing has occurred to mar our peace, but to the contrary; in several sections of the country, the subordinate Lodges have been in a highly flourishing condition, particularly those to whom Dispensations have been recently granted. Notwithstanding these flattering occurrences, it must not be forgotten that much remains to be done to place the Craft on that elevated ground which is the pride of every lover of truth, virtue and intelligence. Several of the Lodges that once existed in a flourishing condition have gone down, and others continue to meet only at irregular periods. This condition of things too strongly evidences that if something be not radically wrong, something is wanting to keep fresh in the minds of the Brethren those eternal principles on which our Institution is founded.

It is believed that two causes have operated powerfully in bringing about the above mentioned condition. One of which is, the improper management of the funds of the Lodge, in taking notes of individuals for the several degrees, and neglecting to collect the dues assessed by the By-Laws upon the individual members, and the injudicious use of what funds were collected. It can not be too strongly recommended, after proper charities and the cost of Lodge expenses, the investing of the funds of a Lodge in some fixed property, as a place of meeting for the Lodge. If funds remain, after these objects are accomplished, the procuring of a Library and

such other things as are calculated to advance intelligence, would be highly commendable; or the investment in some way that would secure the prompt payment of interest and the ultimate payment of principle, will be found far preferable to a loan on notes of individuals. By this it is not meant to wholly deprive individuals that may be members of a Lodge, or others who are members of the Masonic family, from enjoying pecuniary accommodations from a Lodge By misfortune or some unforeseen calamity, it may be a matter of charity to even loan a Brother a small sum of money until time affords him an opportunity to make a turn in his affairs, to relieve his wants, and return the money. But all experience has proved that to loan the funds of an association to its members, is to throw them away; for the funds thus obtained soon become merged in the business of an individual, and so interwoven with his affairs, that they not only seem indispensable to the success of his business, but a portion of their inheritance, drawn from a common fund. To a number of individuals of the association thus circumstanced, lenity is extended, from time to time; debts accumulate, unkind feeling is begotten, the association dissolved for want of individuals to enforce the rules, and falls from its own accumulated weight. It is hoped that the lessons taught by those bad examples, together with the prompt measures of the Grand Lodge at its last session, have cured these evils; if not, it will remain for the Grand Lodge to determine the future course to be taken.

The second cause which has contributed to the downfall of Lodges, and the lack of interest by which alone an institution of any kind can be kept alive, may be found in the want of proper ability and promptitude on the part of those Brethren selected to the several stations and places in a Lodge. Individuals thus selected have each his duty to perform,—the lack of any one deranges the whole. A room properly furnished, and rendered cheerful by good lights at an early hour, together with good fires in cool weather, is highly inviting to the social circle or for the transaction of business. Add to this the prompt dispatch of business, and all is well; the absence of this, palsies the members and ruins the Lodge.

To improve the leisure hours that so frequently occur in a Lodge room, lectures on the several degrees of Masonry, or on some useful branch of science, can not be too strongly recommended. With all the refinement of the age in which we live, and the great advancement of the arts, it must be conceded that these advantages are only enjoyed by the few, while the many remain untaught. Our common schools are but the mere teacher of the most common elementary principles of an education. Our county seminaries, though nobly designed, are too poorly endowed to afford the apparatus so necessary to the obtaining of correct practical information, and consequently their operations are limited to the preparation of individuals for the entering of college, the counting-room of the merchant, or the office of some professional man, while the individual destined to farming and the mechanic arts is left to gain his information by the dull round of observation, made while hard at work.

In an association like ours, embracing every class of good citizens, it would seem no difficult matter, with a small amount of funds, to collect a large amount of that which could be rendered highly useful to all. Specimens in botany, geology, mineralogy, to which may be added by some ingenious mechanic (directed by scientific men), apparatus in hydraulics, mechanics, and specimens in architecture. These, with weekly lectures during the long winter evenings, on those subjects, with chemistry as connected with the arts and agriculture, it seems to me would do more in one year to elevate the Masonic standing, and cultivate the human mind, than

has been achieved by the Craft in the last fifty years. The acquisition of knowledge by abstract instruction, is hardly obtained by the many; hence the reason why but few are learned, and that villagers are better informed than those residing in the country. In some of the eastern Lodges of this State, lectures within the last year have been delivered with highly beneficial results.

Strict subordination in all governments is highly important to the well-being of its members, and none more so than in the Masonic family. Without the due observance of the ancient landmarks of the Order, it is obvious that the universality of our Institution must be lost, and with it most of that which is useful.

The revival of District or Grand Visitors is believed highly important to the Craft. Their duties among the subordinate Lodges would not only disseminate much that would be useful, but calculated to inspire the members to a prompt discharge of their duties, while the visitors would glean much that would be of interest to the Grand Lodge, whose meetings they are required to attend. A similar plan has been adopted in New York, which is highly spoken of by the Grand Master of that State, in his last communication to that Grand Lodge.

By the transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York I find that it is held by some, that it is the duty of each and every Mason to contribute something to the Institution, or be deprived of visiting Lodges. The justness of this I think few will question; but what steps the Grand Lodge may take in this matter is for them to determine. It is strongly recommended by the Convention of Masons held in the City of Washington, in March, 1842, the granting of Certificates by each Grand Lodge, to each Mason in good standing within its jurisdiction, and admitting none to charity or fellowship but those who are in possession of such a Certificate. The issuing and registering of those Certificates by the Grand Secretary would serve to do away many of the evils incident upon the application of *worthless vagabonds* for charity, and the benefits of the Institution. Those Certificates should only be issued by the Grand Secretary upon the recommendation under seal of the subordinate Lodge. To obtain these Certificates, a sufficient stimulus would be given to all good Masons to become members of some Lodge if one existed in their neighborhood. The consideration of this matter is strongly urged upon your serious and enlightened consideration.

The practice of adopting the representative system between foreign Grand Lodges has made considerable progress in some of the Grand Lodges in the United States, particularly in New York, and promises fair to be of much utility to the Masonic family, not only in this country, but to the whole civilized world; through the representative the proceedings of the Grand Lodge represented is communicated to the Grand Lodge at which the representative resides. The proceedings of the highly gifted and intelligent body of Masons constituting the Grand Lodge of New York, contain some very interesting matter on this subject, as well as on many others, which are strongly recommended to this Body, and especially to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The attention of the Grand Lodge is called to a subject which has hitherto been much neglected. In all instances where a subordinate Lodge is suspended by the Grand Lodge, the Charter should be returned to the Grand Secretary; and if it is not, measures should be taken to obtain its possession by the Grand Secretary.

The satisfactory manner in which the Grand Secretary complied with the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, on the subject of printing the Proceedings of this Body, and the procuring to be printed the various resolutions that have been adopted from time to time, having the bearing of By-Laws, and the

reprinting of the Grand Constitution, thus producing a pamphlet highly interesting to every good Mason, and furnishing matter important to the Craft (which should be read by every Master in open Lodge) for this labor our worthy Grand Secretary, A. W. Morris, deserves our warmest thanks. The rules prescribed in this pamphlet are worthy of all commendation, and should be observed and enforced by each subordinate Lodge in a spirit of enlightened liberality.

The reports from the proper officers and committees, I doubt not, will be forthcoming in due time, embracing matter belonging to each of their particular provinces on which I shall not intrude.

The issuing of an annual Circular by the Grand Master, under the direction of the Grand Lodge, in the form of a printed Circular, embracing the outlines of the fundamental principles of the Craft, and calling the attention of the Brethren to such matter as may from time to time be deemed necessary, is thought would do more to advance the interest of the Fraternity than could be done by any legislation in the usual manner.

From foreign communications we learn the flattering news of the prosperous condtion of the Craft. In several of the States where the dark clouds of anti-Masonry lowered most, and threatened to sweep every vestige of our fair escutcheon from them, and leave them to the peltings of those morbid passions and feelings that are but too often successful, the Craft are in a flourishing condition,—the cloud is fast disappearing,—the bright sun of Masonry shines with renewed luster; a few faithful watchmen remained upon the watch tower throughout the darkest days, and on the appearance of the first glimering ray, rallied the scattered band. The ambitious, worthless and selfish miser, whose folds are as poisonous as the coils of the rattlesnake, has been driven from among us. We have passed as through the refiner's fire; the storm that raged abroad has been felt in every corner, producing a quaking among the dry bones; our societies have been freed from a load, a weight, that was fast dragging them to utter ruin. Brethren, it now only remains for us to act with promptitude, and on those immutable principles on which our Institution is founded, admit none to our social halls but the virtuous and good, shun the bigot and the drunkard as you would the Upas. Then will we be what we profess, and not till then. I trust, Brethren, that you will go to the task before you with zeal, and in that enlightened spirit which is ever characteristic of good and great men, and that your labors will be crowned with the happiest results.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Finance—Brothers Tipton, Buntin and Menaugh.
On Grievances.—Brothers Crider, Ferry and Russell.
On Returns and Visitors.—Brothers Bailey and Cook.
On Unfinished Business.—Brothers Hardin and Heiskell.
On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers Bright, Buntin and Farmer.
On Claims.—Brothers Tipton and Menaugh.
On Dispensations.—Brothers Bartlett, Bailey and Russell.

On motion, the credentials of respesentatives were referred to the committee on Returns and Visitors.

On motion all foreign communications were referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

The M. W. Grand Master, in compliance with a request of the last Grand Communication, presented an able and detailed report, upon the subject of a Manual Labor School to be established under the supervision of this Grand Lodge, which was read, and on motion of Brother Bright, referred to a committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Grand Secretary presented resolutions adopted by Union, Harmony and Monroe Lodges, upon the subject of said Manual Labor School, which were read and referred to the committee of the whole.

Brother *Ferry*, from the committee appointed by the last Grand Lodge to collect the notes of Daniel Kelso, made the following report, which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances:

Being appointed to collect the debt due by note of Daniel Kelso, and report to this Grand Lodge,—I have attended to that business, and could not collect any part thereof. I have here the notes, for the further action of the Grand Lodge. I have called for the jewels of Jefferson Lodge, No. 31, at Hartford; they have, it appears, been lent to Todmore Lodge, No. 108, Kentucky, by Daniel Kelso, who refuses to give them up, or an order for them. Your committee would recommend to this Grand Lodge to call on the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to order Todmore Lodge, No. 108, to deliver the said jewels to the agent of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Buntin*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby presented to Brother A. W. Morris, Grand Secretary, for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has complied with the resolution of this Grand Lodge, in relation to the publication of the last Proceedings.

Brother *Ferry* presented a petition from Thomas Palmer and others, praying for a Dispensation for a Lodge at Wilmington, Dearborn county. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Dispensation issue, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners; that Brother THOMAS PALMER be the first Master thereof, *William V. Cheek*, the Senior Warden, and *Ebenezer Bedummah*, the Junior Warden.

On motion, the workings of Lodges under Dispensation were referred to the committee on Dispensations:

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, May 23, 1843.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, Charity, Palestine, Lawrenceburg, Rising

Sun and all other Lodges who have not yet paid over their dues, or whose standing has not yet been ascertained by the committee on Credentials, were permitted to vote as other Lodges.

Brother *Russell*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the report of Brother Ferry, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the two notes of Daniel Kelso be left with Brother H. Ferry for collection by suit or otherwise; and that he report thereon at the next Annual Grand Communication.

The jewels of Jefferson Lodge, No. 31, having been forfeited to this Grand Lodge, and loaned by Daniel Kelso to Todmore Lodge, No. 108, Kentucky, and said Daniel Kelso refuses to give an order for the return of said jewels,—your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother Ferry call upon Todmore Lodge, No. 108, and request of its officers said jewels; and, in the event of refusal to comply with such request, that said Brother Ferry, as agent of this Grand Lodge, request the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to lay the same before the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and request an order for Todmore Lodge, No. 108, to deliver said jewels to Brother H. Ferry, as agent of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Hardin*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the Proceedings of the last Grand Lodge, so far as they understand them; and find two propositions to amend the Grand Constitution, offered by Brothers Menaugh and Martin; and that all other business not finished at the last session is committed to other appropriate committees. Your committee ask the concurrence of the Grand Lodge in the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolution of Brother Menaugh be indefinitely postponed.
Resolved, That the resolution of Brother Martin be adopted as an amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the proceedings and By-Laws of Delaware Lodge, (U. D.), and find the proceedings regular, with the following exceptions: The minutes are not made up in accordance with the By-Laws: "April 8th" requires a slight alteration, and "May 13th" does not state in what degree they opened. Your committee would further recommend the alterations in the By-Laws as marked in Articles 6, 7 and 21; with these alterations, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to Delaware Lodge, at Munseytown, as *Delaware Lodge*, No. 46; and that Brother SAMUEL P. ANTHONY be the first Master thereof, *Patrick Justice*, the Senior Warden, and *John Brownlee*, the Junior Warden.

Your committee have also examined the proceedings and By-Laws of Bedford Lodge, (U. D.), and find the proceedings regular, with one exception, to-wit: The installation of their Worshipful Master by *proxy;* and the By-Laws in accordance with the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge, with the following

exceptions, to-wit: Section 4 of Article 3, conflicts with Section 2 of Article 2, and we would recommend that they amend their By-Laws, by striking out Section 4 of Article 3, and make a slight alteration in Article 5, as marked. With these alterations, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to *Palestine Lodge*, No. 14,—and they having complied with the spirit of the resolutions of the last Grand Lodge relative thereto; and said Lodge having had a Dispensation, it is deemed best that they receive another Charter free of cost; that Brother GUSTAVUS CLARK be the first Master thereof, *Winthrop Foot*, the Senior Warden, and *Matthew Borland*, the Junior Warden.

Brother *Cook*, from the committee appointed relative to matters connected with the Grand Celebration on Thursday next, made the following report, which was read and laid on the table:

The committee ask leave to report to this Grand Lodge their views and opinions in reference to a public dinner on that occasion. They believe, that to dispense with that custom would meet with the approbation of all good Masons, who look to the Order not on account of its external, but for its moral and intrinsic worth. Many reasons might be offered by your committee why their views should be adopted, but they think the subject so plain that other remarks are rendered unnecessary.

On motion of Brother *Benedict*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we will not, in connection with the Grand Celebration on Thursday next, have a public dinner.

On motion, so much of the Inaugural Address of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to issuing and registering Certificates of membership was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Warner and Anthony. So much of said Address as relates to foreign communications, was referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence. So much as relates to taking up Charters where Lodges have been suspended, was referred to a committee consisting of Brother S. S. Tipton. So much as relates to issuing an annual Circular by the Grand Master, was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Warner and Foster. So much as relates to lectures in subordinate Lodges, was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Russell and Benedict. So much as relates to the financial matters of this Grand Lodge, was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Heiskell and Menaugh. And so much as relates to the revival of Grand Visitors, was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Bailey, Foster and Russell.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

The M. W. Grand Master, in compliance with a resolution adopted at the last Grand Communication relative to a suitable banner and insignia for

this Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was read and referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Heiskell Tipton and Benedict:

To comply with the request of the resolution, considerable difficulty has been experienced,—first, there seems to be some difference of opinion as to the kind and color of the clothing, and some discrepancy in the form of the jewels to be worn by the officers. The eastern Grand Lodges, as well as those of Europe, wear jewels of gold, or those gilt with gold, and aprons fringed with gold fringe, and collars for suspending the jewels, of purple or crimson, arranged in a style peculiar to each, as the accompanying letters more fully show. Some of our best informed Masons in the west are decidedly of the opinion that the officers of the Grand Lodge, and members, should be clothed in blue. And if they use a banner, it should be of blue ground, on which a representation of Charity be made in painting. Such I find to be the opinion of our Brethren in the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, with some of whom I have had a recent opportunity of a personal interview. Another strong difficulty presents itself in this matter—the want of funds.

I know of no circumstance that gave rise to any particular color for the paraphernalia of a Lodge. It seems to have been adopted by taste; and long custom has given it sanction. Subordinate Lodges have adopted *blue*, and Chapters *red*. It seems to me that the Grand Lodge should have some distinguishing mark. They hold a station, in many respects, materially different from any other Body,—it is a Body designated for the government of the Craft, within a particular district of country; and by common consent, the limits of these districts are confined to the territorial limits of the civil departments in the government of the country.

From the foregoing considerations, I would recommend that when this Grand Lodge does procure jewels expressly for its own use, that they be of silver coated with gold, after the late improved plan of gilding (which is now being done in this city), the form be such as are worn by the subordinate Lodges. The *square* for the Grand Master; the *compasses*, decorated with the rising sun, for the Deputy Grand Master; the *level* for the Senior Grand Warden; the *plumb* for the Junior Grand Warden; the *triangle* for the Grand Deacons; the *cross pens* for Grand Secretary; and the *cross keys* for the Grand Treasurer,—*square* and *compasses* for the Book of Holy Scriptures. The jewels suspended from a plain purple collar; a white apron trimmed with gold fringe; a banner with purple ground, with an emblem of Charity painted in the center. Purple cushion on which to rest the Holy Bible, square and compasses; and while in the Lodge to be laid on the altar.

On motion of Brother *Tipton*, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Brothers H. A. Smead, H. T. and Thomas R. McElheney, members of Tipton Lodge, No. 33, have been suspended from the enjoyment of the privileges of Masonry by said Lodge; and whereas, Brother Smead has had no notice of said action of said Lodge, until his arrival in this city two days since, and is desirous of having the matter fully investigated: Therefore,

Resolved, That the committee on Grievances be instructed to fully investigate said matter and report the result for the action of this Grand Lodge on to-morrow.

On motion, Brothers Heiskell, Tipton and Bartlett were appointed a committee on the case of Rufus A. Lockwood, and requested to report thereon to-morrow.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the proceedings and By-Laws of Charity Lodge, and find them in accordance with the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Charter of *Charity Lodge*, No. 30, at Washington, Daviess county, be granted to the Brethren now working at Washington, (free of cost to the Lodge); and that Brother JOSEPH WARNER be the first Master thereof, *James Calhoun*, the Senior Warden, and *Stephen Belding*, the Junior Warden.

The Grand Secretary reported, that in obedience to the orders of the M. W. Grand Master, Dispensations have been issued on the several applications from Brothers at Evansville, Bedford, Montgomery county, Columbus and Delaware.

On motion of Brother *Buntin*, the Grand Lodge resolved that the installation of the officers of this Grand Lodge be in public, on Thursday, immediately before delivering the Masonic Address.

Brother *Morris* presented the credentials of Francis Little, (W. M.), representative from Columbus Lodge, (U. D.); which was referred to the committee on Credentials, and Brother Little took his seat accordingly. Brother Morris also presented the petition of said Lodge, praying to be reinstated, as St. John's Lodge, No. 20; which was referred to the committee on Dispensations.

Brother Green, as the representative from St. John's Lodge, (U. D.), at Delphi, entered and produced his credentials; which were referred to the committee on Credentials, and Brother Green took his seat accordingly.

The Grand Lodge then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the Grand Master and the several communications relative to establishing a Manual Labor School; Brother Warner in the Chair. Whereupon, after due deliberation, the committee rose and reported the same back to the Grand Lodge, with the following resolution which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the plan of a Manual Labor School, reported to this Grand Lodge by the M. W. Grand Master Philip Mason, be adopted by this Grand Lodge; but, for the want of means, all further action in the matter be indefinitely postponed.

On motion, Brothers Ferry, Menaugh and Benedict were appointed a committee to settle with such Brethren whose notes, or orders, this Grand Lodge holds for money advanced to them.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, May 24, 1843.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock A. M.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Warner*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Inaugural Address as relates to issuing Certificates to Masons in good standing, etc., made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

That although this measure has been recommended by high authority, and by a convocation of Brethren assembled at the City of Washington, on the ..... day of March, 1842; yet your committee can not bring themselves to believe that such is necessary to protect the worthy portion of the Masonic Fraternity from the impositions complained of, and which this proceeding is to remedy. Masonry has existed from time immemorial without these Certificates; it has prospered,—its funds have been preserved; and although some impositions may have been practiced upon the honest and unsuspecting portion of the Masonic Family by unworthy Brothers, yet we think it requires care and vigilance in the Lodges generally, to preserve our funds and secure and protect ourselves against unworthy applicants for charity or pecuniary assistance. We therefore deem it inexpedient, at this time especially, to adopt the measure; and respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Brother *Warner*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Inaugural Address as relates to the propriety of authorizing the M. W. Grand Master to issue Circulars, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have given to the subject that consideration which its merits demand, and highly approve of the suggestions of the M. W. Grand Master, in relation thereto; and beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be the duty of the M. W. Grand Master, whenever it may be deemed beneficial to the Craft, to issue his Circular in obedience to the opinions and views of this report, and the suggestions contained in the present M. W. Grand Master's Inaugural Address touching the same.

Brother *Benedict*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Inaugural Address as relates to lectures in subordinate Lodges, made the following report, which was read and recommitted to the same committee (Brothers Warner, Anthony and Bartlett being added thereto):

Your committee have carefully examined that portion of the Address which relates to the subject referred, and fully concur in the sentiments therein contained.

That Masonic lectures should be practiced in all regularly constituted Lodges, will not be called in question by any enlightened Mason, as nothing can more fully cement the bonds of fraternal affection. That it is the duty of Masons to inculcate a knowledge of those sciences which Masonry comprises, your committee fully believe. These sciences are more particularly Grammar, Rhetoric, Geometry and Mathematics. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be recommended to appoint lecturers on the different Arts and Sciences which appertain to Masonry, from among their own members; or that they, from time to time, invite competent Brethren from neighboring Lodges, to lecture on the aforesaid subjects, at least once a quarter, either at their stated meetings or at meetings called for this special occasion.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the By-Laws of Greencastle Lodge, (U. D.), and find the same in accordance with the Constitution and regulations of this Grand Lodge. They have not been furnished with a copy of their minutes; but from information received through their representative and other Brethren, we believe they have been regularly kept. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to the Brethren of Greencastle Lodge, (U. D.), at Greencastle, as *Temple Lodge*, No. 47; and that Brother SAMUEL TAYLOR be the first Master thereof, *John Sala*, the Senior Warden, and *William L. Hart*, the Junior Warden.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Heiskell*, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Master relative to clothing, jewels, etc., made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have examined the report and accompanying documents; and while they can but admire the assiduous industry of the reporter in the acquisition of the necessary information from available sources, and the kind manner in which the same has been placed before this Grand Lodge, your committee are compelled by surrounding circumstances to deem it impolitic to take any action on the subject at the present time. Your committee, therefore, beg leave to present the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to take any action on the subject of jewels, clothing and banner at the present time.

Brother *Heiskell*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Inaugural Address as relates to the finances of the Grand Lodge, made the following report:

Your committee have had the subject referred to them under consideration, and heartily concur in the Address throughout; they therefore offer for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge consider it highly improper and unmasonic for any subordinate Lodge to take Notes from members for Lodge dues, or Notes for initiation fees; and furthermore, that it is improper for Lodges to loan their funds to individuals; that, after the expenses of the Lodges are met, and a proportion reserved for charity purposes, the balance, if any, should be invested in some site for buildings, or in suitable buildings or apparatus for the benefit of the Craft.

Resolved, That it is expected, and absolutely required, that the several Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge shall pay their dues promptly at each Grand Communication.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to settle with and make collections of all individual indebtedness to this Grand Lodge, and report progress at the next Grand Communication; and that he take to his aid such Brethren as agents, residing within the vicinity of the indebtedness, as he may deem necessary.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge appoint and empower Brothers ..... to select, contract for, and purchase (if they think proper) a suitable Lot in the City of Indianapolis, for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Hall thereon at some future time, and report fully on that subject at the next Annual Grand Communication.

The above report was read and concurred in—except the last resolution, which was recommitted, (and Brother Morris added to the committee).

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have carefully examined the proceedings of Porter Lodge, (U. D.), and find them informal in the following respect: first, in their manner of opening their Lodge; secondly, in their manner of work in passing from one degree to the other; and thirdly, in their manner and penmanship in keeping their records. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Brother Bailey, of Laporte Lodge, be appointed (in the event of there being no Grand Visitor appointed by the Grand Lodge) to visit said Lodge, and instruct them in the mode of work and keeping their records, and advise the members to adopt a different code of By-Laws.

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to Porter Lodge, (U. D.), at Valparaiso, as *Mason Lodge*, No. 49; and that Brother JOHN E. HARRIS be the first Master thereof, *Adam S. Campbell*, the Senior Warden, and *George C. Buell*, the Junior Warden.

Brother *Ferry*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution of Brother Tipton relative to the suspension of Brothers Smead and McIlhenny, reported the same back to the Grand Lodge, they having found nothing tangible upon which to act; which report, on motion of Brother Tipton, was laid on the table.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the proceedings and By-Laws of St. John's Lodge, (U. D.), at Delphi, and find the same regular, and the By-Laws in accordance with the Constitution and regulations of this Grand Lodge. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to St. John's Lodge at Delphi, as *Mount Olive Lodge*, No. 48; and that Brother GEORGE M. MAXWELL be the first Master thereof, *Henry B. Milroy*, the Senior Warden, and *Enoch Rinehart*, the Junior Warden.

Brother E. Demming, from Tippecanoe Lodge, (U. D.), entered, presented his credentials as representative and took his seat; he also presented the workings of said Lodge, which were referred to the committee on Dispensations.

Brother *Tipton*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Inaugural Address as relates to taking up Charters of suspended Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The subject thus presented to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, your committee deem of too much moment and importance to be allowed longer to remain unnoticed; for, with the M. W. Grand Master, your committee are of opinion that inattention to this subject is fraught with consequences the most ruinous to the

Masonic Fraternity generally. Your committee, therefore, submit for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the following resolutions.

Resolved, That whenever any Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge shall be directed by this Grand Lodge to cease its labor as a Lodge, the individual having the possession of the Charter of said suspended Lodge, shall immediately deliver said Charter to the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby required to call for all the Charters, jewels, furniture, etc., forfeited to this Grand Lodge, up to the present time, immediately upon the closing of this Annual Grand Communication: *Provided*, if Blazing Star Lodge apply for a Dispensation, that she be permitted to keep her jewels, effects, moneys, notes for money, etc.

Resolved, That in case of a failure to comply with the above resolutions, the Grand Secretary proceed to obtain possession of said Charters, by any means he may deem proper and not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the Fraternity.

The M. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge the Return of Warren Lodge, No. 15, in which they request further time for the payment of their dues; which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances.

Brother *Russell*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Inaugural Address as relates to Grand Visitors, made the following report, which was read and laid on the table:

Your committee believe that the revival of Grand Visitors is indispensable, and would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That New Albany, Clark, Salem and Union Lodges shall compose the *First* District; Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun, Harmony, Washington and St. John's Lodges, the *Second* District; Warren, Morning Star and Springfield Lodges, the *Third* District; Center, Madison, Temple and Delaware Lodges, the *Fourth* District; Laporte, St. Joseph's and Mason Lodges, the *Fifth* District; Wayne, Tipton, Mount Olive, Tippecanoe and Montgomery Lodges, the *Sixth* District; and Vincennes, Palestine, Monroe and Charity Lodges, the *Seventh* District.

Resolved, That all Lodges hereafter Chartered or permitted to work under Dispensation, shall be severally added to said Districts by the M. W. Grand Master.

Resolved, That the Grand Visitors shall be governed by the duties as prescribed in the Constitution of this Grand Lodge; and shall be allowed the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per day for their services while necessarily employed in attending to their duties—to be liquidated from the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Tipton*, from the committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee find the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer kept with great care, neatness and accuracy, and in a manner to do great credit, not only to said officers, but to this Grand Lodge.

Your committee have, with much care, compared the vouchers in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, and find that they correspond with the reports of payments made by him; and also compared the same vouchers with the allowances made by the Grand Lodge, agreeably to the report of the committee on Claims, and find that the warrants correspond with the amounts allowed by the Grand Lodge.

Your committee deem it proper to say, that the books procured by the Grand Secretary, in obedience to a resolution adopted at the last Grand Communication, have been opened by him, in a style at once the most concise, neat and comprehensive. That the accounts presented by the Grand Secretary for services performed

by him, in obedience to resolutions adopted at the last Grand Communication, although apparently high, your committee deem none too much so under the circumstances, as the duties discharged were laborious and troublesome.

Brother *Bartlett* presented the proposition of R. C. Green, "to pay into the Grand Lodge the amount of the indebtedness of Mount Olive Lodge (late St. John's Lodge, U. D., at Delphi), in State Scrip, including the sum of twenty-five dollars for a Charter,—with the express understanding that the said Lodge at Delphi is pledged to redeem the Scrip within sixty days from this day in Bankable funds; and if not redeemed at the expiration of sixty days, then the Grand Secretary may dispose of said Scrip at the best price for Bankable funds and draw immediately on the Lodge for the deficit, which shall be promptly met;" which proposition was accepted.

On motion of Brother *Bailey*, further time was allowed to Laporte Lodge, No. 41, for ten dollars—a balance of the amount due for jewels—upon the payment of ten dollars at this Grand Communication.

Brother *Bailey* offered the following resolution, as a proposed amendment to the Grand Constitution, which lies over one year, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Constitution be so amended that the subordinate Lodges shall admit Ministers of the Gospel gratuitously, nor shall they charge monthly dues to them; and that such members of Lodges as are Ministers be deducted by the Grand Secretary from the members paying dues to the Grand Lodge by the respective subordinate Lodges.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the proceedings of Montgomery Lodge, (U. D.), at Crawfordsville, and find them correct. The By-Laws of said Lodge are also correct. Your committee would, therefore, submit for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to renew their Dispensation, when their former one has been returned.

Your committee have also examined the communication from St. John's Lodge, (U. D.), at Columbus, asking this Grand Lodge to restore to them the Charter of St. John's Lodge, No. 20. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary make out a new Charter for *St. John's Lodge*, No. 20 (the old one being destroyed); and that Brother Francis Little be the first Master thereof, *William Herrod*, the Senior Warden, and *James Hobbs*, the Junior Warden—(said Lodge first returning their Dispensation).

Brother *Cook*, from the committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee find a great want of correct form in the reports from subordinate Lodges, and recommend that the Grand Lodge direct a strict conformity to the plan laid down by said Grand Lodge, in all future Returns. Your committee feel it to be their duty to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to some of the errors that have occurred in reports now before them, to-wit: Vincennes Lodge—an error in making time of meeting. Lawrenceburg Lodge—want of form, deficit in fees, and no time

of meeting stated. Rising Sun Lodge—want of form, (this Lodge is but recently reorganized under the resolutions of last Grand Lodge). Salem Lodge—no time of meeting named. Monroe Lodge—no time of meeting named. Webb Lodge—no Returns for 1840, 1841, 1842 or 1843. Wayne Lodge—a communication from this Lodge, and something purporting to be a Return, (the right of this Lodge to work is much doubted by your committee, and the attention of the Grand Lodge is respectfully directed to that subject). Liberty Lodge—no Returns for 1841, 1842 or 1843. New Albany Lodge—Returns for 1842 and 1843, but not in form. Morning Star Lodge—no report. Springfield Lodge—want of form. St. Joseph's Lodge—void of form. Charity Lodge—the time of meetings not stated. Porter Lodge—without form.

Your committee further report, that the following are the names of Brethren duly authorized to represent their respective Lodges in this Grand Lodge, to-wit:

Brother Henry S. Buntin, from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; M. G. Bright, Union Lodge, No. 2; Jacob F. Crider, Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; Hugh Ferry (*proxy*), Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6; John L. Menaugh, Salem Lodge, No. 21; G. W. Hardin, Monroe Lodge, No. 22; John Cook, Center Lodge, No. 23; Spear S. Tipton, Tipton Lodge, No. 33; J. B. Russell, New Albany Lodge, No. 39; R. S. Heiskell, Clark Lodge, No. 40; Abner Bailey, Laporte Lodge, No. 41; A. C. Penwell, St. Joseph's Lodge, No. 45. E. C. Abbott, Porter Lodge, (U. D.); Joseph Warner, Charity Lodge, (U. D.); H. T. N. Benedict, Bedford Lodge, (U. D.); R. C. Green, St. John's Lodge, (U. D.); Taylor W. Webster, Montgomery Lodge, (U. D.); B. Dicks, Greencastle Lodge, (U. D.); S. P. Anthony, Delaware Lodge, (U. D.); Francis Little, Columbus Lodge, (U. D.); E. Deming, Tippecanoe Lodge, (U. D.)

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Returns of the subordinate Lodges for 1843 be received, notwithstanding any informalities of some of them as specified in this report.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months; Brothers Tipton and Green acting as tellers. Before taking the ballots, the M. W. Grand Master delivered the following Valedictory Address:

Brethren:—In declining a re-election to the station in which you have continued me for nearly twelve consecutive years, I can not help returning you my most sincere thanks, for the kind assistance which you, at all times, have afforded me, in the responsible stations which I have held among you. In declining a re-election, I have been prompted by a sense of duty to myself.

I have arrived at a period of life when men naturally become more retiring and less active; which, with my domestic cares and a laborious profession, I have felt constrained to bid adieu to those pleasant associations which have been so warmly kindled in this Lodge. In retiring from your deliberations, be assured, Brethren, that I shall carry with me the kindest regard, not only for the welfare of the Craft in general, but the success of the Grand Lodge and its members with whom I have from time to time met in Masonic counsel. The pleasant associations so endearingly formed within these walls, will be the subject of reflection for many an hour, though away from your deliberations and engaged in the active duties of life. Time sweeps us down the current of life,—a few short years hurry us from the cradle to the grave,—one generation succeeded by another, and the one passed away seems only to have lived for the one that follows. Although the improvements in the Arts and Sciences have been great, yet the change has been so gradual, that it has fallen to the lot of but few to see any considerable change in his own time. Those who are now living and have seen their fiftieth year or upwards, have, perhaps, been more

favored than any other individuals that ever lived upon the face of the earth. The invention of the steam engine, and its application to navigation, railroads and the mechanic arts, affording facilities for the interchange of commodities so advantageously to man; but above all, the interchange of thought, the lever of intelligence; mind is brought in contact with mind, new ideas are produced, principles investigated. This interchange has been so facilitated by the improvement in the art of printing by steam power, together with the simplification of science, it is the just pride of the age in which we live; these several causes combined have so revolutionized the world, that, of all beings that ever dwelt upon this habitable globe, we are perhaps the most favored.

It would be happy for mankind, if these improvements brought nothing but that which is good. Nature, though profuse, is never lavish in bestowing her favors; it is in mind and morals as in physics, nature has her corresponding opposites; the law of attraction has its opposite,—repulsion in electricity and galvanism,—the positives and negative in morals,—virtue and vice in intellectual man,—intelligence and ignorance; proving that nature has her universal law of opposition. And be assured, Brethren, that notwithstanding the vast improvements in science, human nature remains the same; and *that* intelligence which might be rendered so useful, is too often made to subserve the base purposes of life; and it is only by a constant recurrence to first and correct principles, that the baser passions of our nature, are restrained; it is to the domestic circle that we must look for the earliest formation of character, and to smaller associations in riper years:

If these be foul
The stream runs thick,
And blackens all below

Here, Brethren, opens a field for the introduction of our Institution, the practice of charity, the cultivation of the social relations of man, the restraining of the vicious passions by brotherly love, and the observance of the landmarks of the Craft: these must ever open a field for the benevolent and good man. And here permit me to say, that without these principles as the polar star, our Institution is a sounding brass and tinkling simble.

Accept, my beloved Brethren, my most sincere desire for your welfare; and may He, who directs all things, direct your feet in the path of love and virtue.

On motion of Brother *Benedict*, the Valedictory Address was unanimously ordered to be entered on the journal.

The tellers then proceeded to collect the ballots for Grand Officers. Whereupon, on counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected, to-wit:

M. W., Philip Mason (of Connersville), Grand Master.
R. W., Isaac Bartlett (of Logansport), Deputy Grand Master.
W., Hugh Ferry (of Lawrenceburg), Senior Grand Warden.
" E. Deming (of Lafayette), Junior Grand Warden.
M. R., Eli P. Farmer (of Bloomington), Grand Chaplain.
Austin W. Morris (of Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.
John Foster (of Indianapolis), Grand Treasurer.
John L. Menaugh (of Salem), Senior Grand Deacon.
Abner Bailey (of Laporte), Junior Grand Deacon.
Samuel S. Rooker (of Indianapolis), Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to select a site for the next Annual Grand Communication. Whereupon, Indianapolis was duly selected.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest: — AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, May 25, 1843.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Heiskell*, from the committee to whom was recommitted the case of Rufus A. Lockwood, reported for adoption the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved, That this M. W. Grand Lodge expel Rufus A. Lockwood from all the privileges and benefits of Freemasonry.

Brother *Tipton* then presented the following communication, which was read and laid on the table:

MASONS' HALL, Indianapolis, May 25, 1843.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

After what has occurred in the Grand Lodge, relative to the expulsion of Brother R. A. Lockwood, I deem it due, both to myself and the Fraternity, that some definite action should be had thereon. Notwithstanding it is extremely painful to do so, a sense of duty compels me to formally charge Brother Rufus A. Lockwood—first, with having retained in his hands, and missapplied the money of his clients as an Attorney; secondly, of having disgracefully absconded from the State, to parts unknown; thirdly, of abandoning his family. I respectfully ask that these charges be examined. S. S. TIPTON.

Brother *Warner*, from the committee to whom was recommitted the report relative to lecturing in subordinate Lodges, reported for adoption the following resolution, which was read and adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is and always should be the duty of each subordinate Lodge to have special meetings, for the purpose of lecturing; and that they select and appoint some Brother well skilled in the Masonic Sciences, to lecture at said special meetings; and that, in all cases where they may not have a member or members qualified for the task, they invite some competent Brother of a neighboring Lodge, to attend at said special meetings, for said purpose.

Brother *Heiskell*, from the committee to whom was recommitted the resolution relative to purchasing a certain lot in the City of Indianapolis, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the Lot spoken of, and take great pleasure in saying to this M. W. Grand Lodge, that they are of opinion that it would be of great value to the Grand Lodge to have it; and, therefore, would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brothers A. W. Morris, John Foster and John Cook be, and they are hereby appointed and empowered to buy said Lot, provided it can be purchased for the sum of one thousand dollars; and the said Lot be purchased in the name and for the Grand Lodge of Indiana, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Masonic Hall for the use and benefit of said Grand Lodge, at some future time; and that said committee report, at our next Grand Communication, all transactions they have had thereon: *Provided, however*, that said committee shall not make such purchase of said Lot, unless there be sufficient funds on hand to make payment therefor.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother Richard M. Johnson, of Georgetown, Kentucky, entered and was introduced by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, and marched, in Grand procession, to the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city, where the Grand Officers elect for the ensuing twelve months were severally installed in due and ancient form, in the presence of a large and respectable audience. After which, an Address was delivered by Brother A. W. Morris, Grand Secretary; at the conclusion of which, Brother Richard M. Johnson made some very appropriate remarks upon the subject of Masonry, and took his leave of the Brethren.

The Grand Lodge then formed in procession, returned to the Hall, and was called to labor again.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to the Grand Secretary, Brother A. W. Morris, for his Address, just delivered; and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the use of their building, for the ceremonies of the day.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are tendered to Brother John Law, for the part he kindly undertook and discharged in so satisfactory a manner, in the ceremonies of this day—that of installing the Grand Officers.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are tendered to Brother Spear S. Tipton, Master of Ceremonies of the day, for the highly satisfactory manner in which he discharged this duty.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Indianapolis Band, for their excellent music on the occasion of this day's celebration.

On motion of Brother *Bartlett*, further time was granted to Delaware Lodge, No. 46, for the balance of the fee for their Charter.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge the following annual report of receipts and expenditures, for the year ending May 21st, 1843, which was read and referred to the committee on Finance:

Receipts.—Balance in late Grand Treasurer's hands, as per report of Grand Secretary at the last Grand Communication,		$408 56
For dues of 1842,—from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, (on old loan),		59 25
Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, ($5 00, old debt, 1839),		14 00
Warren Lodge, No. 15, (old debt),		32 00
Wayne Lodge, No. 25,		20 00
Madison Lodge, No. 44,		10 50
St. Joseph's Lodge, No. 45, (for Charter),		25 00
Total receipts,		$569 31
Expenditures.—Warrants drawn on Grand Treasurer, in favor of Wm. H. Martin, $47 87; A. C. Penwell, $18 00: M. V. Simonson, $4 50; A. W. Harrison, $9 50; J. Hill, $12 00; C. R. Evans, $18 00; J. Rogers, $12 00; I. Bartlett, $12 00; C. Carter, $12 00; H. Ferry, $19 50; C. Fisher, $6 00; G. W. Kimble, $6 75; R. McMullin, $15 00; J. M. Watson, 12 00; E. P. Farmer, 12 00; W. H. Mershon, $7 50; J. L. Menaugh, $13 50; B. F. Robinson, $14 00; P. W. Seibert, $10 50; S. S. Rooker, 8 00: J. Foster, $4 50; the Indianapolis Band, $25 00; Philip Mason, $12 00; the Sexton of M. E. Church, $2 00; A. W. Morris (for services, stationery, postage, etc.), $97 75; W. F. Slater, $4 25; J. Cook, $5 00; John Douglass, 20 00,—Total,		441 12
Leaving on hand (mostly depreciated paper,) provided all orders are paid,		$128 19
Add outstanding (being part of order to C. R. Evans),		3 00
Amount on hand,		$131 19

From the total receipts of the Grand Secretary ($569 31), take his payments to the Grand Treasurer, $442 75, and it will leave in the Grand Secretary's hands, $126 56; add to this the amount in Grand Treasurer's hands, of $4 62, and we have the sum of $131 18, which is the true amount on hands at the close of the year ending May 21st, 1843.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following report of receipts and disbursements, from the close of the last Annual Grand Communication to the 21st of May, 1843 (inclusive), which was read and referred to the committee on Finance:

Receipts.—From the Grand Secretary,		$442 75
Disbursements.—Orders drawn by Grand Secretary,	$438 12	
Add outstanding balance due C. R. Evans,	3 00	
Balance on hand,	1 63	
		$442 75
True balance in Grand Treasurer's hands, at the close of the year,		$ 4 62

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

FRIDAY, May 26, 1843.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock A. M. M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the proceedings of Tippecanoe Lodge, (U. D.), at Lafayette, and find the same neatly kept and in accordance with the regulations of this Grand Lodge,—except that they do not comply with a resolution of the Grand Lodge, adopted in 1842, requiring subordinate Lodges "to conform the labor of the respective degrees to matters especially pertaining thereto." The By-Laws of said Lodge have not been presented to your committee. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the original Charter of Perry Lodge be restored to the Brethren of Tippecanoe Lodge, (U. D.), and that the said Lodge hereafter bear the name of *Perry Lodge* No. 37; and that Brother JOHN TAYLOR be the first Master thereof, *Thomas T. Benbridge*, the Senior Warden, and *David Webb*, the Junior Warden.

Whereupon, the said Charter was restored to Brother E. Deming, the representative from said Lodge.

Brother *Ferry*, from the committee on Grievances, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee, to whom was referred the communication from Warren Lodge, No. 15, asking this Grand Lodge to grant them further time for the payment of their indebtedness, would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Warren Lodge, No. 15, at Connersville, have until next Annual Grand Communication to pay their indebtedness to this Grand Lodge; but if not paid by or at that time, it shall be stricken from the list of Lodges.

Brother *Cook*, from the committee appointed to examine and report to this Grand Lodge the most suitable Masonic Manual to be used by subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee have made due examination, and recommend the *Masonic Manual*, by our M. W. Brother Wilkins Tannehill, to be used by all subordinate Lodges. The opinion of the committee has been much strengthened by learning from many of the Craft that this book is much used (and approved) in the west, and is one, from the order of arrangement, that sheds much additional light upon the subject of Masonry. Your committee would further recommend, most respectfully, that the Grand Secretary be required to purchase *three* copies of said work for the use of the Grand Lodge; and that each subordinate Lodge be requested by this Grand Lodge to purchase one copy for the use of their Lodges respectively, and report, in their next communication to this Grand Lodge at its next session, their doings on this subject; and that so much of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1823, that recommend the use of Brother Cross' Masonic Chart, be repealed: *Provided, however*, that if the Masonic Convention, now in session at Baltimore, should recommend the use of another, that their recommendation will be followed by this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then took up for consideration the report of the committee on the charges preferred against Rufus A. Lockwood. Whereupon, on motion of Brother Warner, the resolution of expulsion reported by the committee was amended by substituting the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the proceedings against Brother Lockwood be all set aside, except the charges and reference to the committee now appointed; and that the said committee have power and authority to collect testimony, during the recess, and report their proceedings to this Grand Lodge at its next Grand Communication.

On motion of Brother *Buntin*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That an abstract of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge be published, and copies be forwarded as usual.

Resolved, That each subordinate Lodge shall procure a seal of *some kind*, and that all official documents shall bear the impress of said seal.

On motion of Brother *Russell*, the M. W. Grand Master was requested to make suitable arrangements for a celebration, by procession and oration on the fourth day of the next Annual Grand Communication, and to appoint all necessary committees to assist him in the discharge of this request.

On motion of Brother *Ferry*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge closes, it shall close to meet on the fourth Monday in May, 1844.

On motion of Brother *Green*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Mount Olive Lodge, No. 48, at Delphi, have the refusal of the purchase of the jewels belonging to this Grand Lodge, now in possession of Pisgah Lodge, No 5, at Corydon; and that the Grand Secretary take immediate measures to procure said jewels.

On motion of Brother *Heiskell*, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Center Lodge, No. 23, for the use of their Hall during this Grand Communication.

Brother *Buntin*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the communications which have been received from the Grand Lodges of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Illinois, Missouri, Florida, Arkansas, Georgia, South Carolina, and the Republic of Texas.

The committee have perused carefully and closely examined these Proceedings with pride and pleasure,—affording abundant evidence, as they do, that Masonry is brightening in various parts of this confederacy. They manifestly exhibit an increasing attention to the duties of the Order, and the growth of a spirit of peace, harmony and brotherly love, abounding everywhere.

Your committee, in these communications, find many things new and of great importance, to which the attention of the Grand Lodge of this State should be specially directed. They are gratified in reporting, that the representative system is becoming better understood than formerly; and that it is strongly recommended by many of the Grand Lodges. As its benefits are obvious and of great moment, it only requires a little reflection to see its vast importance. Your committee are sanguine in the belief that no Masonic community can long be blinded to the numerous benefits resulting from this beautiful system; and that all the Grand Lodges in the Union will ere long interchange representatives with each other. By this means, a mass of Masonic information will be obtained, embracing in its voluminous details a fund of literature, science, morality and research, of vastly more importance to us as "Brethren of the mystic tie," than any other system could furnish, in addition to the guards and the checks that it will place at the doors of

the Masonic Temple. It will, by this communication, keep us informed of all that transpires in the world of our Fraternity. Representatives from foreign, yet sister Lodges, will have a great tendency to reform abuses, protect against innovations, and preserve, pure and unsullied, the most ancient and the most sublime of all human institutions.

Your committee would earnestly recommend the adoption of the plan suggested by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, relative to the issuing of a Circular by the M. W. Grand Master upon the subject of Masonry, to accompany the published Proceedings of each Grand Communication.

Your committee would, furthermore, repeat the suggestion contained in the last report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence of this State, relating to the impropriety of receiving promissory notes for the fee necessary to the obtaining of the degrees, instead of demanding, unconditionally, payments therefor, before any degrees are given. This is a matter of much importance to our Order, and upon its observance depends the future prosperity of the Institution.

And further, that the use of distilled spirits in the Lodge rooms, at the meetings of the Lodges, is undeniably of evil example, and may be productive of pernicious effects; and it is urgently recommended by your committee, that in this State the use of such liquors should be expressly forbidden, under any pretence whatever.

The question is asked by many Grand Lodges, "What qualifies a Brother to visit and enter a Lodge?" We are well aware that there is a great diversity of opinion on this subject, and we think it is time the question is definitely settled. We, therefore, recommend to the Grand Lodge an action immediately upon this subject, and thus settle the question, so far as in our power, at our present Communication. The question is, whether a Brother in good standing can *demand* admission into a Lodge other than that to which he belongs; and if a stranger, whether it is discretionary with the presiding officers to have him examined or not.

Your committee again bring before the Grand Lodge a subject which requires its action. It is certain that in this State there are many hundred Masons entitled to, and frequently avail themselves of Masonic privileges, who never do, (and we are ashamed to acknowledge it), many of whom *never did* contribute one single cent toward the support of the Institution or its charities. Every resident Mason in the State should be required to belong to some Lodge, where it is possible. This is a duty they should all fulfill, or forfeit the privilege of visiting Lodges and partaking of their enjoyments and benefits.

Your committee, after examining the evidence before them, and the opinion of many Grand Lodges, relative to the legitimacy of the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan, are of the belief that the decision of the Convention of Masons held at the City of Washington, in March, 1842, upon that subject was correct, namely: "That the Grand Lodge of Michigan is an irregular Body, which can not be recognized by the Fraternity in the United States."

In conclusion, your committee would say that the adoption of Certificates from visiting Brethren, suggested in the Proceedings of many Grand Lodges, but in consequence of this subject having already been referred to a special committee, we forbear making any recommendation thereon.

The committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will, at each and every Annual Grand Communication, cause to be prepared and sent forth under the direction and superintendence of the M. W. Grand Master, to all subordinate Lodges, a *Circular* containing

such matter, and imparting such instruction, and giving such advice as shall, from time to time, seem expedient.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approve of the decision of the National Masonic Convention, which was held in Washington City in the month of March, 1842, relative to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and that this Grand Lodge can not recognize the Grand Lodge of Michigan, as at present constituted, nor any of the subordinate Lodges acting under its authority.

The report of the committee, relative to the revival of Grand Visitors, was taken up for consideration; but for want of sufficient means to defray the expenses of Grand Visitors, the report was again laid on the table.

Brother *Menaugh*, from the committee appointed to audit the accounts of representatives and ascertain the expenses of this Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was read and concurred in, and the Grand Secretary directed to draw his orders accordingly:

To Brother Philip Mason, M. W. Grand Master,	$ 15 50
Isaac Bartlett, Deputy Grand Master,	15 50
Hugh Ferry, Junior Grand Warden,	16 50
Eli P. Farmer, Grand Chaplain,	12 00
Austin W. Morris, Grand Secretary,	7 50
John Foster, Grand Treasurer,	7 50
John L. Menaugh, Junior Grand Deacon,	16 50
Samuel S. Rooker, Grand Tyler,	12 00
H. S. Buntin, representative from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1,	16 50
M. G. Bright, Union Lodge, No. 2,	13 50
J. F. Crider, Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4,	16 50
H. T. N. Benedict, Palestine Lodge, No. 14,	13 50
F. Little, St. John's Lodge, No. 20,	7 50
E. W. Hardin, Monroe Lodge, No. 22,	12 00
John Cook, Center Lodge, No. 23,	25 00
J. Warner, Charity Lodge, No. 30,	16 50
S. S. Tipton, Tipton Lodge, No. 33,	13 50
E. Deming, Perry Lodge, No. 37,	10 50
J. B. Russell, New Albany Lodge, No. 39,	19 50
R. S. Heiskell, Clark Lodge, No. 40,	19 50
A. Bailey, Laporte Lodge, No. 41,	19 50
A. C. Penwell, St. Joseph's Lodge, No. 45,	19 50
S. P. Anthony, Delaware Lodge, No. 46,	12 00
R. C. Green, Temple Lodge, No. 47,	13 50
B. Dicks, Mount olive Lodge, No. 48,	9 00
E. C. Abbott, Mason Lodge, No. 49,	21 00
T. W. Webster, Montgomery Lodge, (U. D.),	9 00
Sexton of the Methodist Episcopal Church,	2 00
Total amount,	$371 50

Brother *Ferry* offered for adoption the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved, That the resolution "authorizing the select committee to purchase a Lot in Indianapolis with a view of erecting a Grand Masonic Hall thereon," be laid before the several subordinate Lodges; and that they forward an expression thereon to the next Annual Grand Communication.

On motion of Brother *Bartlett*, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, It has been represented to this Grand Lodge, that Wayne Lodge, No. 25, at Fort Wayne, have neither Charter nor Dispensation, and are, therefore, not legally at work:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to open a correspondence with Wayne Lodge, No. 25, and ascertain their condition; if the above statement be true, he is hereby authorized to grant them a Dispensation, *if they request it*, and if not requested, that he be instructed to arrest all further work by said Lodge, and report the facts to the next Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Menaugh*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that it is improper for the subordinate Lodges working under its authority, to install their officers by *proxy*.

On motion, the subject matter of the charges contained in the several reports, resolutions and communications, now lying on the table, against Rufus A. Lockwood for unmasonic conduct, were taken up and referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Deming, Buntin and Heiskell,—with all power which belongs to this Grand Lodge, to inquire into the truth of said charges; and report fully thereon to the next Grand Communication.

No further business appearing, the M. R. Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace, and the Grand Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, until its next regular Grand Communication.

PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

Copied—From the original Minutes.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., MAY 27, A. L. 5844, A. D. 1844.

M. W., PHILIP MASON, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the City of Indianapolis, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of May, A. L. 5844, A. D. 1844.—Present,

M. W., PHILIP MASON, Grand Master.
R. W., ISAAC BARTLETT, Deputy Grand Master.
W., HUGH FERRY, Senior Grand Warden.
" CALEB SCHMIDLAPP, Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
M. R., ELI P. FARMER, Grand Chaplain.
AUSTIN W. MORRIS, Grand Secretary.
JOHN FOSTER, Grand Treasurer.
JOHN L. MENAUGH, Senior Grand Deacon.
LEWIS BURK, Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
SAMUEL S. ROOKER, Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.—Charles Fisher, Charles I. Hand and James L. Hogan.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, William Lowndes; Union Lodge, No. 2, Caleb Schmidlapp; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Jacob F. Crider; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Samuel F. Covington; Harmony Lodge, No. 11, James E. Wheat; Palestine Lodge, No. 14, J. D. Buskirk; Warren Lodge, No. 15, Philip Mason; St John's Lodge, No. 20, Francis Little; Salem Lodge, No. 21, Marmaduke Coffin; Monroe Lodge, No. 22, Eli P. Farmer; Center Lodge, No. 23, Thomas Donnellan; Perry Lodge, No. 37, John Taylor; Madison Lodge, No. 44, Samuel D. Irish; St. Joseph's Lodge, No. 45, William L. Barrett; Delaware Lodge, No. 46, David Kilgore; Temple Lodge, No. 47, Chester G. Ballard; Mount Olive Lodge, No. 48, Hiram Allen.

Proxies.—For Montgomery Lodge, (U. D.), Harvey G. Hazelrigg; Webb Lodge, (U. D.), Lewis Burk and J. R. Mendenhall; Frankfort Lodge, (U. D.), Lucien D. Griggs; Versailles Lodge, (U. D.), Johnson Watts; Winchester Lodge, (U. D.), Beattie McClelland; Cambridge Lodge, (U. D.), Thomas Hutton; Burns Lodge, (U. D.), Hugh Ferry; Chesterfield Lodge, (U. D.), George W. Godwin; Aurora Lodge, (U. D.), Richard Sopris; Harrison Lodge, (U. D.), James D. Linsday.

Visitors.—Brothers James Greer, John Rider, James Dougan, Benjamin Pilbean Aaron Homan, Asher Cox, Enoch Piles, B. I. Blythe, Samuel Reed, Giles Mitchell,

John Lister, George Lockerbie, ... Whitman, J. B. Cornelius, J. B. Ray, William Quarles, John L. Bruce, James Drum, A. W. Harrison, ... Johnson, E. Colestock, I. H. Roll, Daniel Mace, and ..... Beard.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and, after prayer by the M. R. Grand Chaplain, proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatives aforesaid, presented the Returns of their several Lodges and their credentials as representatives, and took their seats accordingly.

The M. W. Grand Master then delivered the following Inaugural Address, which was directed to be entered on the minutes:

Brethren:—In conformity to what has become a custom, I proceed to lay before you such matters as I deem of importance, and worthy of your deliberations. Since our last annual meeting, a number of Dispensations have been issued and Lodges gone into operation under them. The Grand Secretary will furnish you, in due time, with a list of these Lodges. Most of them, if not all, are in a flourishing condition, and the same may be said of the old ones. A spirit of inquiry into the principles of our ancient Craft, and the true object of speculative Freemasonry is abroad among the Brethren throughout our jurisdiction. But one difficulty now exists in making that improvement which has been so long desired, and that is, a number of Brethren properly qualified to teach and instruct in the several Masonic lectures, enforcing by precept and example those great moral truths embraced in our Masonic Ritual. To compensate in some small degree for this, I did (after having consulted several of the Grand Officers) make an engagement with Brother Samuel Reed, of Cincinnati, Ohio, the Grand Lecturer of that State, to be present at this meeting, and I am pleased to see that he is now among us.

The short period of time that must, from necessity, be allotted to the acquisition of the several lectures, it can not be expected that each and every Brother here present can derive that information which Brother Reed is competent to give, or that the Brethren may desire to receive; but enough I hope will be acquired to promote that interest and intelligence by which alone the ancient usages of the Craft can be preserved.

I trust that such pecuniary aid will be allowed Brother Reed, as will in a degree compensate him for his trouble and expense in visiting us.

I deeply regret to be under the necessity of calling your attention to a very unpleasant matter, growing out of an appointment made by the Convention of Masons, held in Baltimore, in May last. Brothers Dove, Moore and Carnegy were appointed a committee to prepare and publish a Masonic Trestle Board which should reflect the work agreed upon by the Convention. This work was, in the main, agreed upon by the committee before leaving the City of Baltimore, and steps taken for its publication. But prior to its completion, a disagreement took place between Brothers Dove and Moore. The action had on Brother Dove's report to the Grand Lodge of Virginia with Brother Dove's Circular, and the reply of Brother Moore, together with a copy of the Trestle Board and proceedings of the Convention, are herewith accompanying, and presented to your early, prompt and serious attention; not doubting that it will receive that deliberation its importance deserves.

There is another matter connected with the Baltimore Convention, calling our attention. A proposition is made for a triennial meeting of Delegates to be appointed by the several Grand Lodges in the United States, under certain rules to be

found in the printed Proceedings of that Convention, herewith accompanying. Some definite action upon this matter seems strongly called for.

I must also call your attention to another unpleasant and, in many respects, an unfortunate matter connected with the Grand Lodge of Michigan. The history of this Body has in part been before you and acted on at the annual meeting in May, 1842, as will be seen by reference to our printed Proceedings of that year.

I herewith transmit a copy of the Proceedings of the Executive Officers of the Grand Lodge of New York, on this subject, together with the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, to be found in the printed Proceedings of that Body for 1843. For the interest of the Craft generally, and ourselves in particular (owing to our immediate relation and the intercourse that must necessarily be had between Brethren living upon our borders), this matter has a high claim upon your most deliberate action.

The representative system which has been adopted by several of the Grand Lodges in the United States, bids fair to be of much use to the Fraternity by extending the sphere of social intercourse and enlarging the field of intelligence. I shall leave this matter with you to determine whether any action be necessary or not; if it should be determined to appoint representatives to reside at or near foreign Grand Lodges, the mode and manner should be prescribed by you. Through the representative system, the Grand Lodge of New York has received the usages and practices of most of the European Grand Lodges. In the printed Proceedings of that Body for 1843, is to be found the practice of some of the German Grand Lodges of refusing to receive as visitors Jewish Brethren, individuals who have passed the ordeal of the several degrees in regular organized Lodges.

Your attention is called to this matter the more so, as the practice is intimately connected with the fundamental principles of the Craft, and calls loudly for an expression of an opinion on a matter of vital interest.

Strict subordination in the several Masonic stations, and a rigid accountability in the monetary affairs of the Craft can not be too strongly urged upon this Body and Lodges subordinate to it. The former insures respect, and begets dignity of character, and the confidence of all; the latter is all-important; no charitable institution can for a moment sustain itself, with the high-minded and virtuous, unaided by funds or the means of extending that aid which misfortune and griping wants may demand. A neat and fit domicil for each Lodge would serve as a rallying point, a point to which each Brother would cling with all the associated attachments of friendship and brotherly esteem, feelings well known to the good to have been begotten and cherished within the walls that inclose the Masonic Sanctuary.

Our foreign correspondence is full of interest, and calls for the best exertions of the committee on that subject. The practice which has obtained by this committee in reporting that they have examined the foreign correspondence and find nothing requiring special attention, is passing over the matter in too light a manner. It is to the several Grand Lodges that we must look for the rules to govern the subordinate Lodges, and the guide for each and every member of the Fraternity. The intelligence derived through foreign Grand Lodges can only be acquired by the subordinate Lodges through the report of the committees on Foreign Correspondence. If these were full and explicit, the subordinate Lodges, by keeping a file of their Grand Lodge Proceedings, would, in a few years, be in possession of a valuable volume of information and instruction.

The practice which has obtained within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, of installing the officers of Lodges working under Dispensations, is believed to be not

only without precedent, but entirely unmasonic. I called the attention of the Grand Lodge to this subject some years ago, but no action was had on the matter. Since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, I have directed that the officers be not installed. Lodges under Dispensation are the mere agents of the Grand Lodge, and under our Grand Constitution, in the vacation of the meetings of the Grand Lodge, may be spoken into and out of existence by a breath of the Grand Master. This question should be settled by a resolution of the Grand Lodge, to serve as a guide to the Grand Master and the subordinate Lodges.

Another practice has obtained, though not to a great extent, of procuring the installation of Lodges and their officers by other than the Grand Master. This is not only unmasonic but subversive, breaking down that subordination by which alone the universality of the Institution can be sustained. The power to install a Lodge and its officers is necessarily supreme; and the usages of the Craft, from its earliest history, fixes the supremacy in the individual exercising the duties of the station of Grand Master; and when in his power, the duty should be performed by himself personally; and when it is not, his warrant is the only legitimate authority for performing the act. Although this question may be regarded as being settled, it may be well for the Grand Lodge to express some opinion on this subjeet.

The adoption by the Craft of Masonic Text Books, embracing a large portion of the several Masonic lectures, is a practice long since fully sanctioned, and their use so far relied upon that but few Masons are competent to confer the several degrees without them. The want of uniformity in the Text Books used in the several Grand Lodges and their subordinates, and the total want in others, has, it is believed, been the cause of that discrepancy which exists among the Fraternity. This discrepancy was the argument for the two General Conventions, the one held in Washington City, in March, 1842, and the other in Baltimore, in May, 1843. This latter Convention was so well satisfied of the lack of a universal Text Book, that they took measures to produce such a work, which, as before stated, is herewith accompanying. How far this work is worthy of your confidence, is for you to determine. If it should be generally adopted, its universality would be a strong recommendation. As a commonplace Text Book for Blue Lodges, the Masonic Trestle Board, before referred to, has much to recommend it, though the work for general use would be improved by increasing the number of plates and placing them more in juxta position with the Lectures. The adoption, by the Grand Lodge, of some work as a Text Book, which can be obtained at least by every Lodge in the State, can not be too strongly urged.

In closing this part of my communication, permit me to say that the collection of some of the standard works on Freemasonry, embracing the history of the Institution, so as to form a small library for the use of each Grand Lodge and their subordinates, would be of great utility. These works, with a copy of one or more Masonic periodicals regularly filed, would do much to increase our stock of Masonic intelligence.

The plan of a school, as proposed at our last Annual Communication, is one which has not diminished in importance or interest. The plan, though new in many of its principles and details, is thought to be strongly supported by the physical, moral and intellectual wants of our nature. The present system of instruction tends to distinctions in society. The educated class are generally the sons and daughters of the wealthy and those of business and professional men, who seek to place their children above what they regard the business of menials. The unlearned

in the main, are doomed to a life of ignorance, servitude and toil. Between these two classes no sympathy of feeling can exist, nor never did, or ever will.

The enervation induced by the present confined system of study, wastes the physical man and unfits the educated for the realities of life.

The uneducated lack in that intellectual culture by which alone the mind can enjoy those truths which science unfolds. Neither of these classes have been brought up in accordance with the laws of our nature. The educated class are constantly tending to luxury and excesses, by which the intellectual as well as the physical man is wasted. The hardy constitution of the laboring class begets a sound native intellect, which now and then shines forth and eclipses the worn-out debauchee, a revolution is induced, and society again doomed to undergo a like process.

The downfall of Greece and Rome may be found in this state of society. The menials became too strong and hardy for the privileged classes; aided by talent from abroad, the learned and luxurious were supplanted by a hardier race. In more modern times, under a more permanent system of government, the intelligent and opulent families have been supplanted by superior native intellect sustained by good physical powers.

The combination of instruction proposed in the plan reported to the Grand Lodge last year, will, it is believed, obviate, as far as is in the power of human things, all distinctions of every kind, other than that which the God of Heaven has seen fit to make. It is thought that the school proposed may be commenced with a less amount of means than seemed contemplated in the report. The purchase of a domain should be the first object, and if near the center of the State, would serve for the meetings of the Grand Lodge. As soon as proper buildings could be erected, a school could be commenced, providing a fixed and determined resolution be adopted to carry out the general plan, and they put and kept in constant practice until the object be accomplished.

Your attention is called to the propriety of procuring, by the Grand Lodge, a sufficient number of Grand Lodge Certificates as will supply as many of the Brethren resident within our jurisdiction, as may apply for them. These Certificates could be sealed by the Grand Lodge seal and attested by the Grand Secretary, and delivered to the subordinate Lodges, and by them, under proper restrictions, granted to those that might see proper to apply for them. This mode has cheapness and uniformity to recommend it.

In concluding this communication, let me direct your attention to that beneficent and kind Providence which has sustained us through the past year. In Him we move and have our being, to Him we are directed on our first introduction into the Masonic sanctuary, to aid us in all our laudable undertakings.

To keep in proper subjection the various animal passions and propensities, by our intellectual faculties, aided by the Supreme Architect of the universe, constitutes the great duty of man. It is to the moral and social relations that we must look for all that is ennobling, and that permanent happiness which all desire; hence we should guard the *portals* of our *Temple* with *diligence*, keeping a watchful eye over the conduct of all our members, and scrutinize the character of those we admit to our rights, rejecting those that can not or will not conform to the principles of our Institution. It is not for the individual Lodge alone that we act in this matter, it is for the whole Masonic Fraternity, and the whole human race.

The vast improvements that have been and are now making in science and the Arts, multiply in an astonishing degree the means of supplying all our physical

wants, thus leaving a much larger portion of our time than formerly, for the cultivation of the moral and intellectual faculties, thereby opening an unbounded field for the intellectual enjoyment. To contemplate the goodness of the divine Creator as manifested in all his works, from the smallest atom of matter through all the grades of created existence up to the throne of God, must fill the correctly cultivated mind with pleasure and adoration. Keep pure the domestic circle and the small associations of men,

> "The streamlet runs clear,
> And brightens all below."

It is this intelligence that distinguishes man from the brute, and marks the civilized man from the savage.

The selection of our best men and best informed Brethren to fill the several stations and places in our Lodge rooms, is all-important; it would not only secure the esteem of all, but secure the Masonic intelligence so essential in conferring the several degrees of Masonry.

Brethren, last year I read you a Valedictory to which I now refer you. I must at this time be permitted to take my leave from the station in which your kind indulgence has long continued me. In doing so, I am prompted by no other motive than a sense of duty to myself. Accept of my kindest regard for yourselves, and the prosperity of the Grand Lodge and the whole Masonic family. May it be your lot to have a successor more amiable in his deportment, more virtuous in all his walks in life, with a mind enlarged and cultivated in all that constitutes true greatness, is the sincere prayer of your humble servant.

On motion, the Inaugural Address of the M. W. Grand Master was committed to a committee of the whole, and made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion, the credentials of representatives were referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Menaugh, Schmidlapp and Crider; and the workings of Lodges under Dispensation, to a committee consisting of Brothers Bartlett, Coffin and Covington.

The M. W. Grand Master formally introduced to the Grand Lodge, Brother Samuel Reed, Grand Lecturer of Ohio, who had been invited to this Grand Communication with a view of giving a series of Lectures to the representatives and other Brethren in attendance.

Whereupon, a resolution was adopted providing a suitable seat for Brother Reed, and inviting him to participate in the deliberations of the Grand Lodge; upon which, Brother Reed returned his thanks for this mark of esteem, so unexpected to him, in an appropriate address.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Finance.—Brothers TAYLOR, MENAUGH and IRISH.

On Grievances.—Brothers FOSTER, CRIDER and LOWNDES.

On Returns and Credentials.—Brothers MENAUGH, CRIDER and SCHMIDLAPP.

On Unfinished Business.—Brothers DONNELLAN, BARRETT and GRIGGS.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers BALLARD, KILGORE and COFFIN.

On Claims.—Brothers WATTS, ALLEN and IRISH.

On Dispensations.—Brothers BARTLETT, COFFIN and COVINGTON.

On Visitors.—Brothers FERRY and FARMER.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge the workings of Western Star Lodge, (U. D.), at St. Joseph, Michigan, also the workings of Vanderburgh and Attica Lodges, (U. D.); which were referred to the committee on Dispensations.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was read and referred to the committee on Dispensations:

That in accordance with the instructions of the M. W. Grand Master, he has, since the last Annual Grand Communication, issued Dispensations to empower the holding of Lodges at Crawfordsville, Evansville, Richmond, Frankford, Versailles, Winchester, Cambridge, Saint Joseph (in Berrien county, Mich.), Manchester, Chesterfield, Aurora, Wilmington, and Attica,—the petitions for which, with the accompanying recommendations of the nearest subordinate Lodge to each, are herewith submitted.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge a communication from the secretary of Mason Lodge, No. 49, asking further indulgence for their dues of 1844; which was read and referred to the committee on Credentials.

Also, a communication from a committee on the part of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, asking the recognition of said Grand Lodge by this Grand Lodge; which was read and referred to the same committee of the whole to which was referred the Inaugural Address.

Also, a communication from Brother James L. Hogin, stating that in accordance with the orders of the M. W. Grand Master, he had duly installed the officers of Delaware Lodge, No. 46, and giving a flattering account of the present prosperous condition of said Lodge; which was read and laid on the table.

Also, a communication from Brother Bailey, of Laporte Lodge, No. 41, (who had been appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to install the officers of Mason Lodge, No. 49), complaining of certain irregularities of said Lodge, and deferring the installation until further instructed; which was read and referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Hazelrigg, Griggs and Kilgore.

Also, a communicanion from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, advising this Grand Lodge of the appointment of Brother Robert McMillan, of Elberton, as the representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and requesting the confirmation of the same, together with an

expression of opinion for or against the Grand Lodge representative system now being so generally established throughout the world; which was read and referred to the same committee of the whole to which was referred the Inaugural Address.

Also, a communication from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, relative to the appointment of Brother John Delafield, of Memphis, Tenn., a delegate to Europe for the purpose of examining the mode of work there, and obtaining such other information bearing upon Masonry as may be thrown into a treatise for the benefit of the Craft—the copy-right of which work to be secured for the benefit of such Grand Lodges as concur in sending such delegate; which was read and referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Also, a communication from Brother E. Deming, one of the committee appointed by the last Grand Lodge to investigate certain charges made against Brother Rufus A. Lockwood, of Lafayette; which, together with the whole subject matter of said charges, were referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Bartlett, Burke and Kilgore.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the workings of Montgomery Lodge, (U. D.), at Crawfordsville, and find the proceedings correct, and their By-Laws in accordance with the Grand Constitution. In accordance with the prayer of said Lodge, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to *Montgomery Lodge*, No. 50; that Brother Harvey G. Hazelrigg be the first Master thereof, *Isaac Naylor*, the Senior Warden, and *J. C. Ellston*, the Junior Warden.

Your committee have also examined the workings of Aurora Lodge, (U. D.), at Aurora, and find their proceedings correct—except that they initiated, passed and raised too hastily. The committee, however, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to said Lodge as *Aurora Lodge*, No. 51; that Brother Richard Sopris be the first Master thereof, *Asa Shattuck*, the Senior Warden, and *William Morrison*, the Junior Warden.

They have also examined the workings of Harrison Lodge, (U. D.), at Wilmington, and find that their proceedings conflict with the recommendation of the Grand Lodge. Your committee, however, recommend—under the restriction of their conforming their By-Laws to said recommendations—the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to said Lodge as *Franklin Lodge*, No. 52; that Brother James D. Linsday be the first Master thereof, *John B. Powell*, the Senior Warden, and *William H. Glasgow*, the Junior Warden.

The committee have also examined the workings of Chesterfield Lodge, and find their proceedings correct according to their By-Laws; but their By-Laws do not conform to the recommendations of the Grand Lodge. With this restriction, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to the Brethren as *Chesterfield Lodge*, No. 53; that Brother GEORGE H. BALLINGALL be the first Master thereof, *George W. Godwin*, the Senior Warden, and *Edward McFarland*, the Junior Warden.

They have also examined the workings of Frankford Lodge, (U. D.), at Frankford, and find their proceedings correct; but their By-Laws conflict with the recommendations of the Grand Lodge. With this alteration, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to said Brethren as *Clinton Lodge*, No. 54; that Brother JACOB D. VANDYKE be the first Master thereof, *Lucien D. Griggs*, the Senior Warden, and *James C. Choate*, the Junior Warden.

Your committee have also examined the workings of Versailles Lodge, (U. D.), at Versailles; they have, as appears from their records, too many cases of *emergency*, which occur at almost every meeting. Your committee, however, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to said Brethren as *Versailles Lodge*, No. 7: that Brother ALEXANDER H. REED be the first Master thereof, *Johnson Watts*, the Senior Warden, and *James H. Cravens*, the Junior Warden.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, Brother Johnson Watts was considered as the representative from Versailles Lodge, No. 7; Harvey G. Hazelrigg, from Montgomery Lodge, No. 50; Richard Sopris, from Aurora Lodge, No. 51; James D. Linsday, from Franklin Lodge, No. 52; George W. Godwin, from Chesterfield Lodge, No. 53; and Lucien D. Griggs, from Clinton Lodge, No. 54.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at half past eight o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, May 28, 1844.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at half past eight o'clock, A. M.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Ballard* presented the petition of certain Brethren properly vouched for, praying that a Dispensation be granted them, authorizing them to meet as a regular Lodge of Masons, at Rockville, in Parke county. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Dispensation issue in accordance with said petition; and that Brother PETER Q. STRIKER be the first Master thereof, *John Briggs*, the Senior Warden, and *Seba H. Case*, the Junior Warden.

Brother *Bartlett* presented the petition of certain Brethren duly vouched for, of Peru, in Miami county, praying a Dispensation to enable them to meet as a regular Lodge of Masons. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Dispensation issue, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners; and that Brother JAMES DOUGLASS be the first Master thereof, *Alexander Wilson*, the Senior Wardon, and *Richard L. Britton*, the Junior Warden.

Brother *Covington* presented the petition of certain Brethren properly vouched for, of Patriot, in Switzerland county, praying a Dispensation to enable them to meet as a regular Lodge of Masons. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Dispensation issue, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners; and that Brother C. C. GLORE be the first Master thereof, *William Mead*, the Senior Warden, and *Stephen Humphrey*, the Junior Warden.

Brother *Mason* presented the petition of certain Brethren of Knightstown, in Henry county, praying a Dispensation to enable them to meet as a regular Lodge of Masons; which was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Burke, Kilgore and Bartlett.

Brother *Taylor* presented the petition of certain Brethren of Williamsport, in Warren county, praying a Dispensation to enable them to meet as a regular Lodge of Masons; which was also referred to the last named committee.

Brother *Hazelrigg*, from the committee to whom was referred the communication of Brother Abner Bailey to the Grand Secretary, under date of June 8th, 1843, relative to his not installing the officers of Porter Lodge, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

While we think the Brethren of Porter Lodge acted too hastily in "proceeding as a regular chartered and installed Lodge" previous to the fact of installation, yet we do not think that they, by that act, forfeited the privileges which they acquired upon obtaining their Charter, unless they had proceeded to the initiation, passing and raising of members, and we have no evidence before us that such was the case; consequently we think that Brother Bailey ought to have proceeded to discharge the duty assigned him by the Grand Master. For the fact of the Brethren of Porter Lodge having acted too hastily ought not to have prevented Brother Bailey from discharging his duty. In expressing this opinion, we would not be understood as implying any censure against Brother Bailey, for we have no doubt but he acted from good and praiseworthy motives.

On the subject of the real existence of Porter Lodge we have had some difficulty, but believe that it could not now be recognized as an integral part of the Grand Lodge.

In order to carry out an extended system of fraternal charity, there has been that in the possession of the great family of Masons which can only be known by becoming a member of the family, and by certain evidences as invaluable as life itself, carefully preserved among the Craft. A Brother is able to make himself known to a Brother without regard to language, and to make their history, their wants and their prayers known to each other. The Savage, the Arab, the Dane, the Chinese, German, Irishman, Frenchman, Spaniard, Italian and Englishman can all meet upon the same plane of Masonic friendship, and feel and know that, besides the common ties of humanity, there are obligations of a stronger nature that induce them to stand by, relieve and befriend each other.

Notwithstanding the confusion of the dialect of the Noacides or sons of Noah (the first name for Masons), on the banks of the Tigris, in the plains of Shinar, yet, previous to their dispersion and migration from that country, they adopted the

Masonic faculty and practice of conversing without speaking, which enabled them to carry the arts and sciences to the distant parts of the earth. Yet it was not till the organization of the Grand Lodge at York, in 926, by virtue of Athelstane's Charter to his brother Edwin, that Masonry had a regularly organized existence in England; but after the convocation of that memorable assembly, all the kings, princes, and other eminent men of the realm who were initiated into the mysteries of the Order, paid due allegiance to that Body; and since that time there has been a due degree of subordination observed between the Grand and subordinate associations of Masons, by which means they have been enabled to preserve their social identity; and we would now consider it a violation of the ancient and well established landmarks of the Order, for any Body or association of Masons to disregard or violate the rules and regulations that have been observed for centuries as fundamental principles of the Order.

We would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That no subordinate Lodge can proceed as a chartered Lodge, until they have obtained a Charter from the Grand Lodge, and have been regularly installed under said Charter, or have special permission from the Grand Master or Grand Secretary.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the workings of Cambridge Lodge, and recommend the following alterations to their By-Laws: Article 3, should be so amended as to elect officers semi-annually; the amendment of Article 7, should be abolished, the original Article being better than the amendment; but the committee would recommend, that that part which admits of accepting candidates before their petition has laid over one month, be stricken out. On conditions that the above recommendations are complied with, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to said Lodge as *Cambridge Lodge*, No. 5; and that Brother A. Goodnow be the first Master thereof, *Jacob Fisher*, the Senior Warden, and *Thomas Hutton*, the Junior Warden.

In relation to Vanderburgh Lodge—which surrenders its Dispensation, jewels and property to the Grand Lodge, having ceased to work Nov. 13th, 1843—your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the request of Vanderburgh Lodge be granted; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to proceed to obtain possession of the jewels, furniture, etc., of said Lodge, immediately upon the closing of this Grand Communication,—they being surrendered to the Grand Lodge.

The committee have examined the workings of Winchester Lodge, (U. D.), and find the proceedings correct. They would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to said Lodge as *Winchester Lodge*, No. 56; that Brother Edward Edger be the first Master thereof, *Beattie McLelland*, the Senior Warden, and *Michael Aker*, the Junior Warden.

Brother *Menaugh*, from the committee on Credentials, reported the following Brethren as representatives:

Brother Wm. Loundes (by appointment), from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; Caleb Schmidlapp (W. M.), Union Lodge, No. 2; Jacob F. Crider (by appointment), Law-

renceburg Lodge, No. 4; S. F. Covington (by appointment), Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6; Johnson Watts (by appointment), Versailles Lodge, No. 7; James E. Wheat (W. M.), Harmony Lodge, No. 11; John B. Buskirk (by appointment), Palestine Lodge, No. 14; Philip Mason (by appointment), Warren Lodge, No. 15; Francis Little (W. M.), St. John's Lodge, No. 20; Marmaduke Coffin (W. M.), Salem Lodge, No. 21; Eli P. Farmer (by appointment), Monroe Lodge, No. 22; Thomas Donnellan (W. M), Center Lodge, No. 23; John Taylor (W. M.), Perry Lodge, No. 37; Samuel D. Irish (W. M.), Madison Lodge, No. 44; W. L. Barrett (W. M.), St. Joseph's Lodge, No. 45; David Kilgore (W. M.), Delaware Lodge, No. 46; Chester G. Ballard (W. M.), Temple Lodge, No. 47; Hiram Allen (by appointment), Mount Olive Lodge, No. 48; Lewis Burke (by appointment), Webb Lodge, (U. D.); Richard Sopris (W. M.), Aurora Lodge, (U. D.); Harvey G. Hazelrigg (W. M.), Montgomery Lodge, (U. D.); James D. Linsday (W. M.), Harrison Lodge, (U. D.); Beattie McClelland (by appointment), Winchester Lodge, (U. D.); Lucien D. Griggs (by appointment), Clinton Lodge, (U. D.); Thomas Hutton (by appointment), Cambridge Lodge, (U. D.); George W. Godwin (W. M.), Chesterfield Lodge, (U. D.)

The Return of Tipton Lodge, No. 33, was received, but no representative.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W. PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Dispensations, made the following report:

The committee have examined the workings of Burns Lodge, (U. D.), at Manchester, and find the proceedings to be correct, according to their By-Laws. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to said Lodge as *Burns Lodge*, No. 55; and that Brother ABRAM L. BAILEY be the first Master thereof, *Sebastian Streigel*, the Senior Warden, and *Thomas J. Bailey*, the Junior Warden.

Your committee have also examined the workings of Attica Lodge, (U. D.), and find that they have had but two meetings; and at the second one of these, they transgressed the recommendations of the Grand Lodge. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved, That the Lodge at Attica be instructed to adopt a code of By-Laws, and forward the same to the Grand Secretary; and if he should approve them, a Dispensation shall be forwarded to the Lodge at Attica.

We have also examined the workings of Western Star Lodge, (U. D.), in the town of Saint Joseph, Berrien county, Michigan, and find their proceedings to be correct, but would recommend that they strike out that part of their By-Laws which prevents any who are not Master Masons from visiting them. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the request of Western Star Lodge be granted, and that their Dispensation be renewed.

The By-Laws of Union Lodge, No. 2, as recently amended, have been placed before your committee; and, after having examined them, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approve the By-Laws of Union Lodge, No. 2, and recommend the adoption of a similar code of By-Laws by all the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee to whom was referred the communication of Brother Deming in relation to charges preferred against Rufus A. Lockwood by Brother Tipton, at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was read and unanimously concurred in:

From the statements contained in the communication of Brother Deming, and from other information received entitled to full faith and credit, your committee are satisfied that the conduct of Brother Lockwood has not been such as to require the Grand Lodge to take any further action in the premises. Your committee are further satisfied, that the reasons which led to the departure of Brother Lockwood from the county originated from the best of motives on his part, in what he conceived to be his professional duty; and they feel happy in entertaining the assurance that his recent return to his family and friends, and his intended application to his profession, will secure for him the respect and confidence hitherto enjoyed by him. Your committee pray that this their report be concurred in, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge the Return of Wayne Lodge, No. 25; which was read and referred to the committee on Returns and Credentials.

Brother *Covington* presented the petition of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, asking the donation of her dues for 1844, in consequence of the expense incurred by them in the erection of a costly Hall; which was read and laid on the table.

Brother *Ferry* presented the petition of Ebenezer Bedunnah, late a member of Harrison Lodge, (U. D.), expelled for unmasonic conduct, praying relief in the premises; which, together with the accompanying documents and books of proceedings of said Lodge, were referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion of Brother *Donnellan*, Brother Thomas Hutton was received as the representative from Cambridge Lodge, No. 5; and Beattie McClelland, from Winchester Lodge, No. 56.

The Grand Lodge then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the Inaugural Address and the accompanying documents and foreign communications referred to them. After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master reported the following resolutions, which were severally read and adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the Inaugural Address as relates to the compensation of Brother Reed, Grand Lecturer of Ohio, be referred to the committee on Claims,

Resolved, That so much as relates to the National Masonic Convention at Baltimore, be referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the representative system, be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Allen, Godwin and Sopris.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the plan of a Manual Labor School reported

to this Grand Lodge by the M. W. Grand Master in 1843, be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Kilgore, Burke and Coffin.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the Constitional organization of the Grand Lodge of Michigan be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Hazelrigg, Bartlett and Burke.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the utility and kind of Text Books for subordinate Lodges and members, and so much as relates to the subject of triennial meetings of delegates from the several Grand Lodges of the Union, be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Watts, Loundes and Covington.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the proper mode of installation of officers of subordinate Lodges at their organization, be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers McClellan, Linsday and Buskirk.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the powers of the Grand master in granting Dispensations, and suspending Lodges under Dispensation during the vacation of the Grand Lodge, be referred to the committee on Dispensations.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the erection of neat and convenient Masonic domicils be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Covington, Donnellan and Wheat,—with instructions to report a resolution which shall exonerate the Lodge which shall erect such a building, from all dues for the year in which the Hall may be built: *Provided*, the same be worth, when completed, $500 00.

Resolved, That the communication from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, on the subject of their appointment of a representative to represent this Grand Lodge near that Body, be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Farmer, Griggs and Hutton.

Resolved, That so much of the Address as relates to the policy of sending a delegate to Europe, by the Grand Lodges of the United States, for the purpose of Masonic information, be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Griggs, Barrett and Irish.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the subject matter of difference between Brother Dove, of Virginia, and Brother Moore, of Massachusetts, in relation to the merits of the *Masonic Trestle Board*, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Virginia had thereon, be referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of Brother *Kilgore*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That for the year 1843 there shall not be charged against the subordinate Lodges, the seventy-five cents on such members as were initiated during said year; nor shall the Grand Lodge in future, until otherwise determined, charge the subordinate Lodges on a member initiated more than two dollars for the year of the initiation of any such member.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed, in his settlement with subordinate Lodges for the year 1843, to conform to this resolution; and where payments of dues are already made for 1843, he shall draw his order on the Grand Treasurer for the amount which may be due any Lodge under this resolution.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

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WEDNESDAY, May 29, 1844.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M. M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Linsday* presented the petition of William Girard, asking pay for the rent of a Lodge room for the late Hartford Lodge; which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Brother *Burke*, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions from sundry Brethren at Knightstown and at Williamsport, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have had the subject of the petitions under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a Dispensation be issued to the Brethren at Knightstown, under the name of *Knightstown Lodge;* and that Brother GEORGE McCUNE be the first Master thereof, *George Davis*, the Senior Warden, and *I. B. Alsfram*, the Junior Warden.

Resolved, That a Dispensation be issued to the Brethren at Williamsport and vicinity, under the name of *Williamsport Lodge;* and that Brother ROBERT A. CHANDLER be the first Master thereof, *Lazarus Miller*, the Senior Warden, and *James H. Buell*, the Junior Warden.

Brother *Morris*, from the committee appointed at the last Grand Communication to purchase a suitable Lot for this Grand Lodge, in Indianapolis, made the following report, which was read and recommitted to a committee consisting of Brothers Kilgore, Watts. Burke and Donnellan:

Your committee have not been able to procure a Lot suitable for the purposes of the Grand Lodge,—the prices asked being beyond the means to which your committee were restricted. They still think, however, that the Grand Lodge should purchase ground somewhere for a permanent site for a Grand Lodge edifice; if in Indianapolis, the present period is certainly favorable, as prices are considered low, much lower than they will be shortly, in the event of the extension of the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad. Your committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Brother *Ferry*, appointed at the last Grand Communication as agent to procure the Carpet of Vevay Lodge, made the following report:

In pursuance of a resolution of this Grand Lodge, I have called for the Masters' Carpet of Vevay Lodge, and found it in the possession of the widow Patten, who refused to give it up.

The Notes of Daniel Kelso, I have not collected; and I herewith return them to the Grand Lodge. The jewels of Jefferson Lodge are in the possession of Harrison Lodge, who refuse to give them up.

On motion of Brother *Kilgore*, so much of the report as relates to the Masters' Carpet was so amended that the Grand Secretary be directed to present Mrs. Patten with the said Masters' Carpet as a deserved tribute to her devotion to Masonry. The report was then concurred in; the notes of Daniel Kelso were handed over to Brother Ferry for collection; and that part of the report relating to the jewels of Jefferson Lodge was committed to the committee on Claims.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

As to Webb Lodge, (U. D.), at Richmond, we find that they have only organized and adopted the By-Laws of the late Webb Lodge, No. 24. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the original Charter of Webb Lodge, No. 24, be restored to the Brethren of Webb Lodge under Dispensation, and that said Lodge hereafter bear the name of *Webb Lodge*, No. 24; that Brother WILLIAM B. SMITH is hereby declared the present Master thereof, *Stephen B. Stanton*, the Senior Warden, and *Lewis Burke*, the Junior Warden.

Whereupon, in open Lodge, the said Charter was restored to Lewis Burke, the representative from said Lodge.

Brother *Griggs*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Inaugural Address as refers to the sending of a delegate to Europe, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

While your committee acknowledge the importance to the Craft, of having one uniform method of working throughout the world, they can find no sufficient reason to induce them to recommend the appointment of such delegate. The experience of the unnumbered ages through which the Institution has existed and shed its benign influence upon the civilized world, and the history of the Craft during those ages—transmitted to us through channels known only to Masons—convince us that the *language* of Masonry is, and will remain the same, without incurring the expense necessarily attending such a movement. Your committee also fear that, even in the event of the project being carried out, it will cause another of those dangerous innovations upon the ancient landmarks of the Order, which have already become too frequent. Your committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Brother *Linsday*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Inaugural Address as refers to the installation of Lodges working under Dispensation, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

After a full and careful investigation of the subject, your committee are fully of opinion that the installation of the officers of a Lodge working under Dispensation, is inconsistent. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that the officers of Lodges working under Dispensation, should not be installed, either publicly or privately; and that hereafter, the Grand Master act in accordance with the opinion expressed in this resolution.

Brother *Covington*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Inaugural Address as relates to the erection of Masonic domicils, (with instructions to report favorably), made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have taken the subject matter into consideration, and they would state, that the instructions are in strict accordance with their own feelings upon that subject. To the Brother who prides himself upon being a member of the Order,—to one who delights in the observance of the laws and customs of our ancient and honorable Fraternity,—to one who speaks that universal language which only belongs to the brotherhood,—to one who loves to see morality, peace, happiness, universal friendship and brotherly affection prevail,—to one that desires the observance of such order as rendered it necessary for only three persons to direct

the workings of 153,000, it must be a source of the highest gratification to see and to know that he, in connection with others who entertain the same feelings, is engaged in bringing about such a desirable object. Such a man will use every exertion in his power to devise the best means to secure the prosperity and the universal spread of the benign influence of an institution having solely for its object the promulgation of such noble and such honorable sentiments.

Your committee are of opinion that there is no one thing, excepting that brotherly love and affection which dwells in the breast of every true Mason, so well calculated to inspire zeal, prompt to action, and cement the bonds of brotherly love and esteem, as the erection of neat and convenient Masonic domicils, where the brotherhood can assemble and shut themselves out from that world, for a time, whose condition they are seeking to ameliorate. When domicils are erected, and the Brethren know that it is theirs so long as they continue in the good work, they hold the place sacred: they know that their altar is not to be desecrated by the ruthless hand of the world,—that from within its walls nothing but "peace on earth and good will to men," shall ever egress; they know that they can only go to that one place to be freed from the dissensions, the bickerings and the turmoils which are prevailing without; they know that in that place the ties of brotherhood are second only to consanguinity, and that they can there unbosom themselves without fear of molestation, and can there offer up their adorations to that Being who rules and reigns—to Him who sees and knows their actions and motives, and in whom they place their greatest and highest hopes.

The Creator has seen fit to place in the nature of man a love of home. This is an admitted principle, and needs no proof to sustain it. If man, then, shall love the place where he was brought into existence—where he was introduced to a world which, by reason of the transgression of one man, has been made one of cares and vexations, and full of woes—why should not a *Mason* love and hold as dearly as life itself, the place where he was ushered into a new existence—into a world of love, and peace, and harmony. Every time he meets within the walls of his Hall, the scenes of his Masonic childhood appear before him in all their beauty. As he progresses to boyhood and to manhood, they grow stronger and stronger; and when old age succeeds these, it affords him feelings of the fullest happiness to observe around and about him the many happy children that have been born unto him and unto his Brethren in this world of love, peace and affection.

To the world, the erection of Masonic edifices presents the strongest and best proofs of the sincerity and determination of the Order. It shows that a love for its noble tenets prompts them to act, and that determinedly. It shows that there is a spirit far above any thing which may be ever moved by the ever-changing tide of popular favor or popular prejudices; it shows that Masonry has settled and fixed principles which are even firmer than the walls of their edifice—principles which the destroying hand of Time can not move in its onward march of destruction. It removes prejudices, and renders the world a fitter subject for the benefits which Masonry is ever willing to confer upon it.

These facts alone (and they are but a moiety in comparison to those that might be presented), should direct the attention of the Fraternity toward erecting suitable domicils in every portion of our country—within the sound of every "church going bell." Where altars are erected to the living God, which are too often under sectarian influence, let there be one erected, upon which all mankind can offer up the sacrifice of a pure heart full of friendship to man, and love to God.

That such an object may be more fully carried out within the State of Indiana,

and under the parental care of this Grand Lodge, your committee ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That whenever any of the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge shall erect a neat and convenient Masonic Hall for their use, which shall not cost less than five hundred dollars, under an economical expenditure, they shall be, and are hereby exonerated from the payment of all dues to this Grand Lodge, for the year in which said Hall may be erected.

Brother *Allen*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Inaugural Address as relates to the representative principle, made the following report which was read and concurred in:

The committee have had the subject under consideration, and deem it inexpedient for the Grand Lodge, at this time, to take any further action upon that subject; and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Hazelrigg*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Inaugural Address as relates to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, made the following report, which was read and concurred in, and the Grand Secretary directed to furnish said Grand Lodge with a copy thereof:

The committee have had the subject under consideration, and bestowed that attention to it which the very limited time allowed them would permit. They find that the legal existence and correct Masonic organization of that Body has heretofore been investigated by the National Masonic Convention, assembled at Washington City, in 1842, by the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Illinois, Virginia Alabama, Missouri, New York, Connecticut, and Ohio, and also by the Grand Lodge of Indiana at its last Grand Communication; all of whom, except the Grand Lodge of Ohio, concur in opinion, that the Grand Lodge of Michigan is not a regularly organized Body, and that the recognition of them as a Grand Lodge would be a violation of the well established and ancient landmarks of the Order; in which opinion we concur.

For our Brethren of Michigan, both as men and as Masons, we entertain the highest fraternal regard, and will rejoice to find them in an attitude as a Grand Lodge, that will justify us, upon Masonic usages, to extend to them, in the most cordial manner, the right hand of fellowship; and fondly hope that, as it will be so easy for them to place themselves in that attitude, they will lose no time in doing so.

The committee have not thought proper to encumber the minutes of this Grand Lodge with the history of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, in this report, as the Grand Lodge is already in possession of it.

The committee do not conceive that any further action of this Grand Lodge on that subject is necessary; and therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Brother *Griggs*, from the committee to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, relative to their appointment

of Brother McMillan as representative of this Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee fully appreciate and acknowledge the honor conferred upon this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Georgia, in the appointment above referred to, and have the most perfect confidence in the integrity and abilities of the worthy Brother recommended; yet, circumstances which this Grand Lodge has not been able to control (not proper to be embodied in this report), forbid our acknowledging any representative near any Grand Lodge, at this time.

Your committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Brother *Loundes*, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of E. Bedunnah, praying to be restored to the privileges of Masonry, made the following report which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have not felt themselves at liberty to travel out of the record in the investigation of this case, and have, therefore, confined themselves to the examination of the regularity of the proceedings of the Lodge having original jurisdiction of the case. Had the petitioner wished to reverse the case upon its merits, it would have been his duty to have appeared before that Lodge and had the evidence reduced to writing, and forwarded the same, with a copy of the proceedings, to this Grand Lodge. This he has failed to do. Confining ourselves, then, to the proceeding of the subordinate Lodge furnished us by that Lodge, after giving the case that careful examination which a sincere desire to do the petitioner the most ample justice has prompted us, we are compelled to report that the proceedings in this case appear on their face correct.

The committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Brother *Burke*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will pay to Center Lodge, the sum of fifteen dollars, annually, as their share of the rent for the Lodge room; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to draw his order an the Grand Treasurer for the above sum, in favor of Center Lodge, No. 23, and in quarterly installments hereafter.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months; Brothers Hazelrigg and Griggs acting as tellers. Whereupon, on counting the ballots, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected:

M. W., Philip Mason (of Connersville), Grand Master.
R. W., Isaac Bartlett (of Logansport), Deputy Grand Master.
W., Johnson Watts (of Dearborn county), Senior Grand Warden.
" Caleb Schmidlapp (of Madison), Junior Grand Warden.
M. R., Draper Chipman (of Frankfort), Grand Chaplain.
Austin W. Morris (of Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.
John Foster (of Indianapolis), Grand Treasurer.
John L. Menaugh (of Salem), Senior Grand Deacon.
Lewis Burke (of Richmond), Junior Grand Deacon.
Samuel S. Rooker (of Indianapolis), Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to select, by ballot, a site for the next Annual Grand Communication; Brothers Hazelrigg and Griggs acting as tellers. Whereupon, on counting the ballots, INDIANAPOLIS was declared duly selected.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following annual report of receipts and expenditures on account of the Grand Lodge, from the 25th of May, 1843, to the 26th of May, 1844, which was read and referred (together with the books and vouchers) to the committee on Accounts:

Receipts.—There was in the hands of the Grand Secretary (mostly depreciated paper) received from late Grand Treasurer, as per last Report,		$126 56
From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, (dues for 1843),		17 50
Union Lodge, No. 2, (dues for 1843),		22 25
Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, (dues for 1843),		23 00
Harmony Lodge, No. 11, (dues for 1843),		8 25
Salem Lodge, No. 21, (dues for 1843),		28 75
Monroe Lodge, No. 22, (dues for 1843),		5 25
Center Lodge, No. 23, (dues for 1843),		38 75
Tipton Lodge, No. 33, (dues for 1843),		21 25
New Albany Lodge, No. 39, (dues for 1842 and 1843),		26 00
Clark Lodge, No. 40, (dues for 1841, 1842 and 1843),		54 75
Laporte Lodge, No. 41, (dues for 1843),		27 75
Same, in part for jewels,		10 00
Springfield Lodge, No. 43, (dues for 1843),		8 50
St. Joseph's Lodge, No. 45, (dues for 1843),		25 25
Bedford Lodge, (U. D.), dues for 1843,		9 50
Porter Lodge, (U. D.), " " 1843,		15 25
Same, in part for Charter,		7 00
Montgomery Lodge, (U. D.), dues for 1843,		6 75
Greencastle Lodge, (U. D.), " " 1843,		46 00
Same, fees for Charter,		25 00
Charity Lodge, (U. D.), dues for 1843,		17 50
Delaware Lodge, (U. D.), " " 1843,		9 25
Same, toward Charter,		8 75
Columbus Lodge, (U. D.), dues for 1843,		17 75
St. John's Lodge, (U. D.), " " 1843,		25 50
Same, for Charter,		25 00
Tippecanoe Lodge, (U. D.) dues for 1843,		45 75
Vanderburgh Lodge, (U. D.), dues for 1843,		18 50
Same, " " 1844,		6 50
Webb Lodge, (U. D.), toward dues for 1843,		5 00
Bank dividends of Indianapolis Branch,		17 78
Total receipts,		$750 84
Expenditures.—Warrants drawn on the Grand Treasurer,		622 22
Difference between the warrants and receipts,		$128 62
Add to this the balance in Treasury at the close of last year,		4 63
True amount on hand at the close of the year,		$133 25
From the total receipts ($750 84) take $740 78—the amount paid over to Grand Treasurer (in payments of $250 00, $390 70, and $100 08, and it will leave in the hands of the Grand Secretary, at the making of this report,	$10 06	
To this, add part of an outstanding warrant for Bank dividends, paid by Grand Treasurer,	2 00	12 06
True amount to be accounted for by Grand Treasurer,		$121 19

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following report of receipts and disbursements, from the close of the last Annual Grand Communication to the 27th of May, 1844, (including balance on hand, as shown by report of last year), which was read and referred to the committee on Accounts:

Receipts.—May, 1843, Cash from Bro. A. W. Morris, Grand Secretary,....	$368 00
May, 1844, do. " do. "	377 78
Add balance in hands of Treasurer last annual report,.....	4 63
	$745 41
Disbursements.—For the year ending May 27, 1844, the Grand Treasury has redeemed warrants drawn on him by the Grand Treasurer amounting to	624 22
Leaving in the Treasury, May 27, 1844,.....	$121 19

On motion of Brother *Covington*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, be, and it is hereby entitled to all the benefits of the resolution adopted by this Grand Communication, in relation to the erection of neat and convenient Masonic domicils,—the said Lodge being engaged, at this time, in the erection of a Masonic edifice.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock. PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, May 30, 1844.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M. M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Inaugural Address as relates to issuing Dispensations, and suspending Lodges under Dispensation, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

From the best evidence the committee can collect upon the subject, it is their opinion, that the Grand Master has power to grant Dispensations; and further, that it is not proper to install officers of Lodges working under Dispensation. The committee are of opinion, that none but the officers of Lodges working under Charters should be installed; and that such officers, when installed, have full power to install their successors. And further, that no person is authorized to install the first officers, excepting the Grand Master, or, upon his warrant, directed to some one whom he may appoint as *proxy*.

On motion of Brother *Bartlett*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward to the Lodge at Attica, a Dispensation; and that they be directed to make their By-Laws to the satisfaction of the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge the following communication, which, together with the letters, were read and referred to the committee on Claims:

To the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Dear Sir and Brother:—By a resolution of our last Annual Grand Communication, which requires you "to collect the jewels and effects of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, and all the other effects belonging to all other Lodges under similar circumstances, and all other debts of this Grand Lodge; and that you have power to call to your aid such persons as you might think proper."

At your request, and in conformity with said resolution, I opened a correspondence with Brother Kintner, of Corydon, on the subject of Pisgah Lodge. The first I received from him I inclosed to you, which suspended for the time any further communications between us. Afterward, upon the receipt of another letter from him, I went to Corydon and found the jewels of Pisgah Lodge, No. 5, together with other property, in the care of Brother Kintner.

At that time, the County Board of Commissioners wished to purchase the interest of the Lodge held in Masonic Hall. I did not feel myself authorized to make a sale, but left the Commissioners to make an offer, and upon what terms, so that the Grand Lodge might act theron, and make what disposition of it they pleased.

The Commissioners made an order for twenty-seven dollars to the Grand Lodge for rent. County orders being at a great discount, I left the order with Brother Kintner for collection, or to be delivered to any officer or person which the Grand Lodge may direct.

A short time ago I received another letter from Brother Kintner, which I herewith transmit,—together with the jewels of Pisgah Lodge.

Brother Kintner has a claim of nine dollars against Pisgah Lodge, which he thinks the Grand Lodge ought to pay. As I shall be present when the subject will be laid before the Grand Lodge, I will make any further verbal explanations deemed necessary. Respectfully yours, John L. Menaugh.

Salem, May 25th, 1844.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge the following report, which was read and referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Menaugh, Burke and Hazelrigg:

To the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana,

Dear Sir and Brother:—As the agent, appointed by you for that purpose, I have to state, that some time ago, during the year just past, I left home for the residence of Brother Wm. Marshall; but learned, when near his residence, of his absence. I called on and consulted with Wm. T. Otto, Esq., as you wished, in relation to commencing suit against Marshall. Mr. Otto being retained as Marshall's attorney, refused to have anything to do with the case, and stated, that it was useless to sue, as nothing could be collected; which statement was corroberated by Brethren at Brownstown.

Shortly after this, I received a letter from you, directing me, in the event of a failure of an amicable adjustment of the claim, to summon Brother Marshall to appear before the next Grand Lodge. Accordingly I left a summons for him, to be delivered by a Brother at Brownstown,—which, I have recently learned, was not delivered.

I have learned, from a source to be relied upon, that Brother Marshall has paid one of the heirs of Burge, thirty dollars—informing him at the time, that it was his portion of the donation made by the Grand Lodge to the heirs of his father. The

heir afterward wished to return to Brother Marshall the amount he had received; but Brother Marshall would not receive it. It is probable that Brother Marshall has effected a settlement with another of the heirs, about in the same way. The receipts of Brother Marshall are herewith returned to you.

Respectfully, JOHN L. MENAUGH.

Salem, May 25th, 1844.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge the following communication relative to Brother Clarke:

To the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The Note you placed in my hands, against Brother Marston G. Clark, for collection, is herewith returned. Brother Clark does not deny its justice, though it was given at a time of great pecuniary embarrassment—caused by his being *security*. In my opinion, the payment, with its accumulated interest of years, would be rather inconvenient for Brother Clark. He promised to pay whatever this Grand Lodge shall say was right under the circumstances.

Respectfully yours, JOHN L. MENAUGH.

Salem, May 25th, 1844.

Whereupon, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Note of P. G. M., Marston G. Clark, be surrendered to him, as a testimony of our respect for his honesty and integrity as a man and a Mason, evidenced throughout his long life; and that Brother Menaugh carry this resolution into effect.

The Grand Secretary presented the following communications relative to Washington Lodge, No. 13, at Brownstown:

To the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Agreeably to your instructions, I called, as your agent, on the Brethren of Washington Lodge, No. 13, at Brownstown; and having informed them of the action of the Grand Lodge in relation to them, they at once gave up their jewels, Charter and other effects; all of which—except the Charter and jewels, I placed in the hands of Brother S. P. Mooney, for the time being. The Charter and jewels are herewith returned, accompanied with a communication from sundry Brethren of Brownstown; which you will please lay before the Grand Lodge as a part of this report.

Respectfully and fraternally yours, JOHN L. MENAUGH.

Salem, May 25th, 1844.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren,

Your Petitioners, members of Washington Lodge, No. 13, would respectfully represent: That, owing to negligence and other causes not necessary to enumerate here, they failed for some time, to attend their monthly and other meetings; and then, when the time came when they should have sent a representative to the Grand Lodge, together with our dues, our Treasurer had failed in business and left the State, indebted to the Lodge a large amount.

Your petitioners therefore pray, that the Charter and jewels be restored; that our Grand Lodge dues be remitted; and that our Lodge be reinstated in all the privileges of Masonry. In consideration of which fraternal regard and kindness, your

petitioners promise that, hereafter, their work shall be uniform and such as shall be approved by the Fraternity at large.

RAWLEY SCOTT, Secretary,	THOS. L. EWING,
S. P. MOONEY,	E. H. PURSLEY,
J. B. SHADRIDGE,	WM. WILLIAMS,
J. P. MOONEY,	H. DURHAM.

Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the prayer of the Brethren of Washington Lodge be granted, and their Charter and jewels be restored to them by Brother Menaugh.

The Grand Secretary presented the following communication, which was read and referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Menaugh, Burke and Hazelrigg:

Brother Grand Secretary:—Agreeably to your instructions, I visited Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, at Charlestown. With this, you have a copy of the proceedings of a meeting had by the Brethren of that Lodge, which you will please lay before the Grand Lodge, as explanatory of the present condition of the affairs of said Lodge, and expressive of the wishes of the Brethren as to the course to be pursued toward them. I will add only, as I expect to be present and can give any verbal explanations necessary, that I trust the Grand Lodge will grant the prayer of the Brethren. I am Fraternally yours, JOHN L. MENAUGH.

Salem, May 25th, 1844.

On motion, Brother Menaugh was allowed twelve dollars and fifty cents, for his services and money spent as agent for the Grand Lodge in relation to William Marshall's case, and the delinquency of Pisgah, Blazing Star and Washington Lodges.

On motion of Brother *Ferry*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the fourth Monday of May, 1845, be fixed as the day for the next Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Lodge at Rockville are hereby authorized to receive the jewels and all other furniture which may have belonged to the late Clinton Lodge, at Clinton, at the time of their cessation from work; and that said order be forwarded to the Secretary of Rockville Lodge as early as practicable; said jewels and furniture to be received as the property of the Grand Lodge, and to be considered as a loan until called for. Also, that the Masters' Carpet, forfeited by Solomon's Lodge, No. 27, be loaned to Versailles Lodge, No. 7, until called for by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That Brother Samuel Reed, Grand Lecturer of Ohio, be, and he is requested by this Grand Lodge, to visit as many of the subordinate Lodges of this State upon their request signified to him—as he conveniently can, for the purpose of establishing a more uniform system of Masonic lectures,—the necessary expense thereof to be borne by the Lodges deriving the benefit of his services.

On motion of Brother *McClellan*, Winchester Lodge, No. 56, was allowed six months' further time to pay for her Charter.

On motion of Brother *Menaugh*, the following resolution was adopted, and the Grand Secretary directed to inform the Worshipful Master of Blazing Star Lodge accordingly:

Resolved, That all dues and arrearages of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, are hereby remitted; that the Charter of said Lodge is hereby restored; and that said Lodge is hereby invested with as full and ample powers, as if no forfeiture of her chartered privileges had taken place.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshments, and a Grand procession formed and marched to the Methodist Episcopal Church of this city; where the Grand Officers elect were installed, in due and ancient form, in the presence of a large and attentive audience. An excellent Address, explanatory of the principles of Masonry, was then delivered by Brother William Quarles, of Center Lodge, No. 23, which was listened to with marked attention and interest by all. After which, the procession was again formed, and marched to the Washington Hall, and partook of a suitable repast, provided by Brother E. Browning. The Grand Lodge then proceeded to their Hall, and were called to labor again.

On motion of Brother *Hazelrigg*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to request of Brother Quarles a copy of his excellent Address, this day delivered to this Grand Lodge; and that the committee forward the same to the *Masonic Mirror* for publication; and that one hundred copies of the paper containing said Address be distributed—two to each subordinate Lodge, and one to each Grand Officer.

Resolved, That the sexton of the Methodist Episcopal Church be allowed the sum of three dollars, for his services.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to tender the thanks of this Grand Lodge to the Indianapolis Band for their services to-day; and also, to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the use of their house.

Brother *Taylor*, from the committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have carefully compared the accounts, etc., of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find that they correspond with the payments made by him. They also find that the Grand Secretary's books correspond with the books of the Grand Treasurer; and take pleasure in adding, that the accounts of both those officers are kept with great care, neatness and accuracy, and in a style that does great credit to said officers.

Brother *Covington*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Inaugural Address as relates to a Masonic Text Book, made the following report, which was read and laid on the table:

After a full and careful examination of the subject, your committee would recommend the adoption, by the Grand Lodge of Indiana as a Masonic Text Book for the Grand Lodge and its subordinates, *The Freemasons' Monitor*,—a recent compilation by Z. A. Davis, and dedicated to Joseph R. Chandler, Esq.

Your committee have been induced to recommend this work, for several considerations: First, a full supply of it can be easily obtained; Secondly, the volume is of convenient size for common use, in or out of the Lodges, and is neatly executed on good paper and well bound; it has all the plates of the several degrees that are contained in Cross' Chart, and the plates much better arranged—being placed opposite to the Monitorial part of each Section in each degree. The Monitorial part agrees, word for word, or nearly so, with Cross' Chart and Webb's

Monitor. It embraces the history of Freemasonry in the United States, given by Webb. It contains the ancient Manuscripts given by Tannehill, the Masonic Library, a work standing deservedly high, and the same that is given by the Masonic Minstrel. It includes the history of our Institution in England, the duties of Masons in and out of Lodges; and a Chapter, in the latter part of the work, giving the reasons why Ladies have never been made Masons; and concludes with a number of chaste and well selected Odes and Songs.

This work seems to be all that a Mason could desire as a Text Book. It is a small library of itself,—and not only fitted for the Lodge room, but as a family Book for any and all that may desire information on the subject of Masonry, either anciently or in more modern times.

The committee do not wish to be understood as saying, that the work they recommend, dips into the dark cavern of remote antiquity; but it embraces all that is to be found on the subject, except we take circumstances dictated by ancient historians and apply them to what is known to exist in more modern times.

The committe will not add more, as the work recommended is herewith accompanying, and will speak for itself. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary purchase a number of copies of the *Masonic Monitor* (by Davis) equal to the number of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge; and that he be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the sum necessary to pay for the same; and that the Grand Secretary shall deliver them, when called upon to do so by the proper authority of each or any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, one or more copies of said work—the Lodge applying for the same paying the cost and carriage of the work.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until seven o'clock this evening.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Mendenhall*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Liberty Lodge, No. 35, be allowed a further time of one year to make a Return; and, on condition that they renew labor and bring up regular proceedings to the next Annual Grand Communication, all arrearages which have accumulated up to this time shall be remitted, and all the rights and privileges heretofore conferred upon them shall be as fully restored as if no forfeiture of their Charter had occurred.

Brother *Loundes* offered for adoption the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved, That Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, being the oldest Lodge in the State of Indiana, and as she is about to build a Hall, and as there has been numerous grants to new Lodges, it is deemed but just that an allowance of twenty dollars be allowed her for said object.

The Grand Secretary was directed to issue his order for the payment of one dollar to each of the Band, and the amount necessary for their dinners.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

FRIDAY, May 31, 1844.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M. M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

On motion, further time, until the next Annual Grand Communication, was granted to Burns Lodge, No. 55, for payment of the balance of their dues ($36 00 having been paid during the present session).

Brother Ferry was added to the committee on Unfinished Business.

Brother *Ballard*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report, which was read and the committee discharged:

Your committee have had before them a communication from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, of the 23d of January, 1844, containing a resolution in the following words: "*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the proposition made by the Baltimore Convention of Grand Lecturers, to send a Masonic delegate to Europe for the purpose of closely and thoroughly examining the differences existing in Masonic work in the Grand as well as subordinate Lodges of this country and of the different countries of Europe; and after such examination, reporting to a General Grand Convention—(and thereby enable them to digest and propose some plan of unison whereby the working in this country and the different countries of Europe and elsewhere be rendered the same, and Masonry once more be made the universal language, for which it was once intended,)—be deemed essentially and indispensibly necessary for the good of the Craft."

To carry out the above resolution, the following was also passed: "*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recommend Brother Delafield, jr., of Memphis, Tennessee, as every way qualified to perform the duties of this appointment; and that, should a majority of the several Grand Lodges of the United States agree in selecting him, he is hereby appointed by and on behalf of this Grand Lodge."

However laudable and desirable the object contemplated by the foregoing resolutions may be, your committee are of opinion that the means proposed are inadequate to the accomplishment of the object to be attained. To cure all the discrepancies in the entire Masonic world, would require the labor of years. In order to effect this great and desirable end, it would seem to your committee, that delegates from all countries, nations and tribes of men should assemble in one great Convention, and there select the right, and correct the wrong; this done, they might with propriety begin, and unlearn what they had before wrongly learned, and commence anew the science of Masonry; and when having perfected themselves, they would be prepared to return to their several nations and tribes, and teach their Brethren.

Your committee are ready to admit that some discrepancy may and does exist; yet they are far from admitting what some would have us believe, that Masonry has essentially deteriorated in its essential character and landmarks. Therefore, although it may be desirable to harmonize the little discrepancies in this vast machine, yet your committee are of the opinion that sending an agent to Europe to spend a few weeks or months in the court circles of London or Paris, would be of little utility in the accomplishment of the object proposed.

That part of the Inaugural Address which was refered to this committee, touching the matter of difference between Brothers Dove of Virginia and Moore of Massachusetts, and the Baltimore Masonic Convention out of which this unhappy difference grew, has received the attention of your committee. It has now become a matter of history, that in May, 1843, there was held, in the City of Baltimore,

a Masonic Convention, composed of delegates from fifteen Grand Lodges of the United States. Whether the Grand Lodge of Indiana was solicited, or refused her co-operation in said Convention, your committee is uninformed; but from the documentary testimony before it, we are happy to know, that whatever of good or evil has or may come to our beloved Fraternity as a consequence of the wisdom or folly of the project, she desires to reap none of the laurels, and would pray that the turbid chalice of its obliquity might pass from her lips. Your committee deeply deplore the injury already done this most ancient of all human institutions, by the estrangement of feelings between two, not only of its brightest ornaments, but two who stand conspicuous in the bright galaxy of the ornaments of the age in which they live, and whose moral excellence and high attainments shed a lustre on the dark picture of human depravity. The labor of the Baltimore Convention has presented to the world a production under the cognomen of the Trestle Board; and your committee desire to be exonerated from committing themselves, or of doing that which might be tortured, by any forced construction, into a desire in any way to commit the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, on so delicate a matter as this has unfortunately become.

The ill feelings already engendered between the worthy Brethren, heretofore alluded to in this report, your committee think is ominous of no good, either to themselves or the great cause in which we are engaged. Although your committee will most strenously refrain, as before remarked, from any expression of opinion of the merits or demerits of the Trestle Board, yet they will say a few things in relation to the difficulty. It would be comparatively of little consequence to mankind, that the angry passions were sometimes aroused between individuals, were it not that excitement is always contageous,—it never remains long isolated, but spreads and becomes epidemic in the community in which it has been engendered,—and that community, be it what it may, is necessarily predisposed to its baneful influence,—each individual has his friends, and these have theirs; therefore it is impossible to foresee where this malarious influence will end,—so with this unfortunate difference which has arisen between Brothers Dove and Moore. In looking over the annual message of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in November, 1843, before crimination on one part and justification on the other had become public, and while the excitement (if any existed) was smothered in the bosoms where it was engendered, the M. W., *Worthington Smith*, seems, with one exception, to be highly pleased with the work. He says, on page 7, "It is also of the greatest importance, that *all* the Lodges in our jurisdiction be put in possession of this work with the least possible delay." It is now denied by Brother Dove, that the work is in accordance with the outlines of the plan agreed upon by the committee. But it seems to your committee, that, by an examination of the Circular of Brother Moore and a comparison of the admissions there made with the work itself, there will be found, at least, a strong family resemblance. With these remarks, we will leave this part of the subject and pass to one which your committee think calls for an expression of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana. It is with sensations of disgust we can not find language adequate to express, that they have learned, from the correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New York, that the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands are disposed to cut off the Jew from the privileges of Masonry—ah, more! even go so far as to refuse recognition to those who are already members of the Fraternity. This is doing the thing up with a vengeance! We have been taught to believe in the universality of Masonry, and that there were true Masons to be found in all nations, whether Christian, Jew, Mahometan, or barbarian; and

this is the first time we ever heard the point disputed, and sincerely hope it may be the last. That the torch of persecution should have been ignited at the sacred altar of religion by fanatics in this liberal and enlightened age of the world, is almost beyond human endurance. The beauties of our Institution consist in the fact, that it breathes good will and benevolence to all mankind; and shall this heaven-born principle be restricted by proscribing the Jew, and cutting him off from the sympathies of his fellow-men? We look upon the descendants of Abraham as objects of commiseration and pity, rather than of proscription, contempt and scorn; and with unaffected regard, we hope always to hail them as "Brethren of the mystic tie."

Your committee, before concluding, will add that they have had before them the proceedings of other Grand Lodges than those already noticed in this report. In all of which, though they did not find, in the limited time allowed them, any thing requiring, as they thought, special notice; yet in all it was observable, that Masonry is everywhere on the increase,—that brotherly love unites the Fraternity, and the public favor even in the "*darkest corners*" of our country may be considered as already secured. With all, we recommend a continuance of correspondence.

The Grand Lodges now in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, are—Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, Tennessee, Missouri, New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island and Maryland. Among the proceedings, in addition to the foregoing, we notice with pleasure the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Our Brethren of Texas have our warmest wishes for their permanent prosperity.

Brother *Barrett*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee find, that an amendment to the Grand Constitution was proposed by Brother Bailey at the last Annual Grand Communication, which was laid over for the action of this Grand Communication, to wit: "That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be so amended, that the subordinate Lodges shall admit Ministers of the Gospel gratuitously; nor shall they charge monthly dues to them; and that the Grand Secretary in his settlement with the subordinate Lodges for their annual dues, shall deduct a rateable proportion for such Ministers." In relation to this proposed ammendment, your committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the proposed amendment of Brother Bailey be rejected.

Brother *Allen*, from the committee on Claims, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have had under consideration the subject referred to them, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to draw his order on the Grand Treasurer, for forty dollars for the services of Brother Reed, during his attendance on this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Morris*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are tendered to Brother Samuel Reed, Grand Lecturer of the State of Ohio, for his able and instructive Lectures while with us; and that he carries with him our kindest regards, and best wishes for his safe return to his home and friends.

Brother *Allen*, from the committee on Claims, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have not been able to find any precedent by which to be governed in this case. Your committee therefore, in order to settle the question and establish a rule for the future government of this Grand Lodge, report the following resolutions, and ask their adoption:

Resolved, That each subordinate Lodge ought to pay the expenses of their installation.

Resolved, That Brother Hogin be allowed the sum of ten dollars, for installing Delaware Lodge; and that said Lodge be directed to pay the same.

In relation to the jewels of the late Jefferson Lodge at Hartford, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Franklin Lodge be permitted to retain the jewels of Jefferson Lodge upon their paying to Amaziah Bailey, of Hartford, fifteen dollars (the amount of his claim against Jefferson Lodge), and to Brother H. Ferry, ten dollars, for his services up to this time as agent for this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Kilgore*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Inaugural Address as refers to the subject of Education, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The subject of Education is one of vital interest, and one from which much good or ill may flow. Your committee can not too strongly urge the adoption of any means within the power of the Grand Lodge, in promoting so desirable an object as the general diffusion of knowledge.

The report on the subject of education, referred to by the Grand Master in his last annual message, has much to recommend it to our consideration and attention, and was so regarded by the committee to whom that matter was referred last year. And although it may not be deemed expedient for the Grand Lodge at this time to attempt to carry out the plan proposed, your committee are of opinion that the printing of said report with the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge this year, would be of sufficient interest to fully justify its publication. And therefore your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of a plan of a School, as made by our Grand Master last year, be printed with the Proceedings of the present year.—(See page 424.)

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—M. W., PHILIP MASON, G. M., presiding.

Brother *Burke*, from the committee to whom was referred the selection of a Lot on which to build a Masonic Hall, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have examined the several Lots, and ascertained their prices; and although the prices vary according to the position of the Lot with reference to the most business part of the City of Indianapolis, yet they are satisfied that a

good Lot can be had on fair terms. And therefore, in view of the shortness of the time left before the closing of this Grand Communication, and the importance of the object itself, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Brother Donnellan, be appointed a committee, with power in the recess of this Grand Lodge, to purchase a suitable Lot of ground on which to erect a Masonic Hall; and that they report to the next Grand Communication.

On motion of Brother *Kilgore*, the following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The excessive use of spiritous liquors as a beverage among many of our Brethren, has heretofore been the means of bringing a reproach upon Masonry: AND WHEREAS, the intemperate use of spirits is forbidden by the divine law and the rules of morality, and therefore grossly unmasonic, and draws in its train a thousand vices, which have a tendency to subvert the principles of our Order and bring disgrace upon the Fraternity,—it is

Resolved, by this Grand Lodge, That we recommend to the subordinate Lodges throughout the State, the propriety of discountenancing, both by precept and example, the use of spiritous liquors as a beverage among Masons.

On motion of Brother *Mason*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Morning Star Lodge, No. 42, be, and she is hereby notified, that she will be stricken from the list of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, at the next Annual Communication, in May, 1845, unless she be and appear before this Grand Lodge and show cause why she should not be so stricken from the roll as aforesaid: Provided, that said Lodge *may* resume her labors prior to the next meeting as aforesaid, by permission of the M. W. Grand Master.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary furnish said Lodge with a copy of the foregoing resolution.

On motion of Brother *Bartlett*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That no Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge, who shall, twice in succession, fail to elect its officers agreeably to its By-Laws, be permitted to hold another election, or transact any business, without a written permission from the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Bartlett*, from the committee on Claims, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the communication of Brother John L. Menaugh, agent for this Grand Lodge, and two several letters from Brother J. W. Kintner, of Corydon, relative to the property and effects of the late Pisgah Lodge; and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to take any and all steps necessary for perfecting the title of the Grand Lodge to the Lodge room of the late Pisgah Lodge; and make sale of the same, together with any remaining personal property; and receive any and all dues to said late Pisgah Lodge, either for rent or otherwise; and that he report to the next Grand Lodge his proceedings under this resolution.

Brother *Menaugh*, from the committee to whom was referred the communication from the Brethren of Blazing Star Lodge, etc., made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have examined the proceedings of a meeting of several Brethren, members of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3; also, a communication from the Grand Secretary on the same subject; and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, be permitted to retain their Charter, and to recommence their labors immediately on receiving official notice from the Grand Secretary of the adoption of this resolution and installation of officers: *Provided*, that the Grand Secretary shall, before such installation, or any other proceeding under this resolution, first indorse on the Charter of said Lodge, a statement of their renewal, and the names of the new officers to be installed,—which certificate he shall sign and affix the seal of the Grand Lodge thereto.

Brother *Hazelrigg*, from the committee to whom was referred the case of Brother Wm. Marshall's indebtedness, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have examined the case of Brother Wm. Marshall's indebtedness, together with all the papers and reports upon the subject. They find, from the orders and receipts of Brother Marshall, that he drew, at several periods, from the Treasury of the Grand Lodge, under a resolution for the relief of Brother Burge's heirs and widow, the sum of two hundred dollars. After all the information of which your committee is now possessed, it is evident that this money, instead of being applied to the benevolent purposes designed by the Grand Lodge, was used by Brother Marshall for his individual benefit.

Your committee notice, that in 1827, Brother Marshall and Brother David Burr, (the latter being associated with him in the matter of this trust, but who it appears did not handle any of the money), reported that the farm had been purchased for said widow and heirs, and that fifty dollars had been paid. How this report could have been true, your committee do not pretend to determine,—as it is not now pretended, even by Brother Marshall himself, that any such purchase was at that time or has been since made, as stated in his report in 1827.

It has been stated to your committee, that since the inquiry has been started in this Grand Lodge, as to the manner in which Brother Marshall's trust has been executed, he has compromised with some of the heirs of Burge, and paid perhaps two of them what he deemed would have been their proportion of the money donated for the purchase of a farm for them. This, too, your committee deem was another departure of duty on his part. Having failed to execute the trust at the *time* required, the object of the donation was defeated. Its object was to purchase the farm of a deceased Brother for his widow, on which to raise a large and then helpless family, which farm had been sold for a security debt. Brother Burge, a worthy Brother Master Mason, having gone security for a Master Mason, *because* he was a Master Mason, and relied on him as such. That Mason failing, Burge's farm was sold from his family about the time of his death; and it was to restore that family to the comforts of a home, that this appropriation was made. This was not done—the report that it was done, and fifty dollars paid on it to the contrary notwithstanding. And, in the opinion of your committee, it was but adding insult to injury, to propose to any of the heirs, after they had been raised, to give each one of them what might have been their equitable proportion of the donation. Brother Marshall has been aware, for several years past, that this transaction was revived; and that, sooner or later, the Grand Lodge in justice to themselves would be compelled to decide upon it; and instead of meeting the question, either in person or in answer to the several letters addressed to him by order of this Grand Lodge, has maintained a silence that is unaccountable to your committee.

Under all the circumstances of the case, your committee can not do less, than to recommend, that Brother Marshall be summoned to appear before the next Annual Grand Communication, to show cause, why he shall not be suspended from all the

privileges of Masonry, for gross unmasonic conduct in the premises: *First*, for reporting to the Grand Lodge, that he had executed the trust committed to him and another jointly, and had paid a portion of the purchase money,—when, in fact, no such purchase was made, nor any money paid by him for such purpose; *Secondly*, for failing to appropriate the funds of this Grand Lodge, committed to his trust, as directed,--and thereby, wronging and defrauding this Grand Lodge; *Thirdly*, for failing to answer the respectful communications made to him by this Grand Lodge, through their proper officer, requesting him to adjust his account,—thereby showing a total disregard to the authority of this Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, through such person as he may select, furnish Brother Wm. Marshall with a copy of the foregoing charges and specifications, accompanied with his summons to Brother Marshall to appear before the next Annual Grand Communication, to answer the foregoing charges and specifications.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, through such person or agent as he may select, take such steps, either by suit or compromise, as to recover any part of the funds of this Grand Lodge in said Marshall's hands; and that he report to the next Grand Communication his proceedings in the premises.

On motion of Brother *Mason*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby appointed a committee, to prepare for and superintend the printing of the Proceedings of the present Grand Communication; and, in preparing the copy for the printer, he shall make out a list of all the Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge—their name, number, location, and time of meetings in each month, together with names of the Masters and Wardens, and the number of members belonging to each. In making a contract for the printing, he shall give notice to receive sealed proposals; and shall award the same to the lowest responsible bidder.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary shall, on the third day of each Annual Grand Communication, and prior to going into the election of Grand Officers, report in a tabular form, the name and number of each and every Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge; and if represented, by whom; if delinquent, for what amount and for what years; if unrepresented, for what years; and such other information deemed necessary to the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Mason* also offered the following resolutions, which were read and adopted:

Resolved, That Liberty Lodge shall be permitted to resume labor, and her Charter, now forfeited, restored to her; and her arrearages to this Grand Lodge, cancelled, upon the following conditions, to-wit: She shall notify the M. W. Grand Master of the acceptance of this proposition, and forward to him her Charter, with the names of such new officers as she may desire to be installed; and pledge herself to send up, to the next Annual Grand Communication, her Returns and dues; and hereafter to strictly conform to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. The names of the newly appointed officers and the fact of the restoration of the Charter, shall be noted (upon the Charter) by the Grand Master.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary forward a copy of these resolutions to said Lodge; and that they immediately notify him, of their acceptance or rejection.

Resolved, That, in case of rejection, the Grand Secretary, by himself or authorized agent, shall take possession of their Charter, jewels and other property and effects; and report the same to to the next Grand Communication.

On motion of Brother *Ferry*, Burns Lodge was allowed six months credit for her Charter.

On motion, Brother David Kilgore was allowed to purchase, on his indi-

vidual responsibility, the jewels of the late Pisgah Lodge, for twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents, on one year's credit. Whereupon, the Grand Secretary delivered the jewels to Brother Kilgore.

Brother *Menaugh*, from the committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee recommend, that there be allowed to each person herein named the sums respectively attached to their names, as expenses of this Annual Grand Communication; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to issue his warrant therefor on the Grand Treasurer—payable out of any funds not otherwise appropriated, to-wit:

To Brother Philip Mason, Grand Master,	$16 04
Isaac Bartlett, Deputy Grand Master,	15 00
Hugh Ferry, Junior Grand Warden, ($10 00, payable by Franklin Lodge),	26 50
Eli P. Farmer, Grand Chaplain,	12 00
Austin W. Morris, Grand Secretary,	7 50
John Foster, Grand Treasurer,	7 50
John L. Menaugh, Junior Grand Deacon,	16 50
Same, Expenses as agent,	12 50
Samuel S. Rooker, Grand Tyler,	11 00
Wm. Loundes, representative from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1,	16 50
Caleb Schmidlapp, Union Lodge, No. 2,	15 00
J. F. Crider, Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4,	16 50
Samuel F. Covington, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6,	15 00
J. Watts, Vevay Lodge, No. 7,	16 50
J. E Wheat, Harmony Lodge, No. 11,	15 00
J. B. Buskirk, Palestine Lodge, No. 14,	15 00
Francis Little, St. John's Lodge, No. 20,	9 00
Marmaduke Coffin, Salem Lodge, No. 21,	16 00
Thomas Donnellan, Center Lodge, No. 23,	7 50
L Burke, Webb Lodge, No. 24, ($7 00 payable in Certificates),	13 50
John Taylor, Perry Lodge, No. 37,	13 50
Samuel D. Irish, Madison Lodge, No. 44,	10 50
Wm. L. Barrett, St. Joseph's Lodge, No. 45,	19 50
David Kilgore, Delaware Lodge, No. 46,	13 50
C. G. Ballard, Temple Lodge, No. 47,	12 00
Hiram Allen, Mount Olive Lodge, No. 48,	15 00
H. G. Hazelrigg, Montgomery Lodge, No. 50,	12 00
Richard Sopris, Aurora Lodge, No. 51,	16 50
J. D. Linsday, Franklin Lodge, No. 52,	16 50
George W. Godwin, Chesterfield Lodge, No. 53,	12 00
Lucien D. Griggs, Clinton Lodge, No. 54,	13 50
B. McClelland, Winchester Lodge, No. 56,	15 00
Total amount,	$449 54

No further business appearing—after an appropriate prayer by Brother E. P. Farmer, Past Grand Chaplain—the Grand Lodge was closed according to ancient form and usage.

PHILIP MASON, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

Copied—From the original Minutes.

REPORT

OF MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER PHILIP MASON, ON A PLAN OF MASONIC MANUAL LABOR SCHOOL—PRINTED BY ORDER OF GRAND LODGE.

[See pages 370, 374, 393-4, 402-3 and 419, of this Edition.]

BRETHREN:—In order to comply with a promise which I made the Grand Lodge at its last meeting, I have devoted considerable time and attention to the subject of a Manual Labor School: and notwithstanding I did at that time unhesitatingly offer to furnish a plan for such an institution, and that, too, with considerable confidence of being able to furnish one, if not satisfactory to all, that would meet with the approval of a large majority, the result of my investigations has left me much less sanguine than I commenced.

Most of the schools which have been started in the west on the manual labor plan, have been either discontinued or changed to the old plan of instruction. The Lane Seminary, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Hanover College in this State, are among the latter examples. The means of obtaining correct information of the rise, progress and decline of those institutions, no just idea can be formed as to the real cause which produced the final result. Although considerable pains has been taken to obtain information of some of the schools founded on this plan in the eastern States, as yet I have wholly failed.

The conclusions to which my mind has been brought by these investigations is, that different causes have been made to operate to their downfall. The want of sufficient endowment in some, the admission into others of individuals whose circumstances were such that they could live without the labor, and they permitted to pursue their studies without it. This produced distinction among the scholars that could not be reconciled. In order to make any institution of this kind useful and permanent, an investment is necessary at some point, to an amount sufficient to procure five or six hundred acres of land, and the erection of suitable buildings for residences, a house for instruction, and proper workshops, tools suited to the various occupations, and above all, proper teachers, embracing the proper apparatus for the various departments of science intended to be taught. A school established upon these enlarged principles, under the care of a proper superintendent, with proper regulations, no doubt, I think, could exist of its success. But to be successful even with this plan, the children must be under the control of the institution during some specified time; competent mechanics should be employed in each of the workshops as instructors and superintendents of each of their departments, and suitable agriculturists to manage and direct the farming interest together with horticulture.

To succeed in a plan of this kind, a sufficient number of scholars must be employed to keep the various branches of business carried on contin-

ually, and in order to insure the better success the scholars should be put to school at an early age, say from twelve to fourteen years; at first their dispositions should be well studied, every facility should be afforded them for the first year, in order to develop the natural bend or adaptation of the mind, to particular business; for there is a law of our organization that fits or qualifies each individual better for one pursuit than another; and much of the mishap in life depends upon the lack in the due observance of this law of our nature. The following of those professional pursuits for which the God of nature has qualified us, not only enables an individual to excel, but the pursuit is affording constant pleasure. To employ a boy in agriculture that possesses large mechanical powers, is to make him miserable; the love of mechanism is constantly urging him from the pursuit in which he has no natural taste. This law of human nature has been overlooked in the education of the young. So strong is this principle of our nature, that in this country where facilities are afforded for acquiring a living with ease, it is no uncommon thing to see men with families quitting the pursuits to which they were bred, and successfully engaging in business entirely different from the one in which their early years have been spent; and this is not all, they will overcome with ease, many obstacles that seemed unsurmountable to a common observer; and in a few years we find them at the head of their new pursuit. Of this we have a few examples in the halls of science; and if we look to the Senate Chambers in the United States, and to the professions of law and medicine, we shall find them in abundance. Some of our best mechanics are those who were not bred to the business. It requires but little sagacity to see that if the mind of those individuals had been studied in early years, by their parents or guardians, and they placed under proper instructors in early life, much time might have been saved to them; and the world, in all probability, much benefitted. The early training and habits of association would have rendered them much superior. On the other hand, it is no uncommon thing to see young men put to studies and professions for which they possessed no capacity, and after a considerable expenditure of money and time, the individual is doomed to relinquish his pursuit, or drag at the tail of the business. There is no law of our nature more strongly implanted in our organization, than the passional desires for business, or laborious pursuits; and one, the violation of which is attended with more wretchedness to mankind. True education is based upon this law of our nature; it is but the unfolding or developing those natural formations of the mind; it is the cultivation of those instinctive principles given by the law of human existence. To found a system of instruction upon the plan here contemplated, great care will be necessary. The arrangement of the various pursuits should be with a view to the institution supplying itself with most of the means necessary to its support, and for the disposing of such surplus

as would be produced. All the mechanical branches, as well as agriculture and horticulture, should be provided with tools, implements and such kind of machinery as would afford the greatest facility for producing the largest amount of things intended to be produced, from the smallest amount of manual labor. To this should be added suitable residences for teachers and scholars, together with one or more buildings for instruction. A large portion of these preparations would be necessary prior to the reception of students, though many of the embellishments would require the work of time, and could be done by the scholars of the institution; though if the main foundation to all the various pursuits be not laid prior to the commencement of the School, the want of them would be so strongly felt, that the project would be a failure, in the bud, of the institution.

These arrangements being carefully made, and each of the departments furnished with proper materials, and the school rooms with proper apparatus, and each department and branch of business placed under the charge of a good practical man, whose services should be required at the business over which he has charge, the establishment would be ready for the reception of students. Not less than two hundred of these would be desirable, though a less number would do to commence with. The previous habits, manners, age, talent and opportunities of the scholars, should be carefully studied, and they classed and arranged so as to teach them in accordance with their physical strength, and the passional development of their mind. It would be desirable to so class them, that each branch of business should have some one constantly employed, or nearly so. To effect this, it should be first determined the number of hours each scholar should be required to labor each day, and the number of individuals to be engaged in the same pursuit. The time of each class should be so arranged, that one set of hands should be at labor, while another is engaged in recitations in the school room. All experience has proven that labor is much better borne by youth when only employed at short intervals; and but little objection is manifested by children to work for two or three hours at a time, with intervals of relaxation of about the same period. Six hours is believed to be about the time that will be found the most suitable for each scholar to be employed each day, and that divided into periods of two hours each. This arrangement, with eight hours for study, would leave ten hours for meals, lectures, amusement and sleep.

A system of instruction carried out upon this plan, would have within itself the means of its support; and, it is believed, could be made to yield a surplus, and would combine the advantages of a good practical education, with the full development of the physical as well as the mental powers. To the full development of the latter, the former are generally sacrificed, under the present mode of instruction. Experience has abundently proven, that exercise is indispensable to the full development of the human sys-

tem,—the body is invigorated; and if we introduce, with exercise, a proper intellectual culture, the mind is strengthened, the individual is capable of sustaining a much greater exertion of intellectual fatigue. Dyspepsia and all its concomitant and kindred evils that are so common an attendant on a life devoted exclusively to study, is unknown to the individual whose time has been judiciously divided between the cultivation of the mind and the due exercise of the body. This principle was well understood by the ancient Grecians. The Lacedemonians trained their children to the art of war; the mind was cultivated in this science, while the body was made to undergo those privations necessary to fit them for the arduous duties of the camp. Individuals intended to figure at the Olympic games, were taught physically and mentally in the particular part they were destined to act. If we turn our attention to the Athenians, here we find a people possessing a character greatly diversified: the scholar, artizan, senator, merchant and soldier, each acquiring a knowledge of his pursuit in the most active manner; and if we judge of their scholars by the character of Socrates, they not only engaged in active pursuits, but the most menial service. In the flourishing days of Rome, the most talented of her generals and senators acquired their education in the active duties of life; and if we come down to our own times and take the English and Americans, we will find that her most eminent men struggled in early life with poverty, and were forced to use, in the most active manner, their physical powers. Take, for example, the mercantile community of these countries: they stand unrivalled in point of intellectual strength, versed in all that is useful in life, intimate with all the springs that move men's souls, and this acquired in the most active duties of life. So strong was the influence of this body of men, that they forced the British government to be what she is; they broke down the power of the feudal system, and gave what of liberty that is enjoyed by the British people; and the same may be said of this interest in the United States. No class of men contributed so much to American independence as this class, the mercantile community; and no class has acquired their knowledge through more toil and fatigue. I hope that sufficient has been said to establish the position, that labor is compatible with study, when the individual is left to follow his professional desires, or that bend of his mind with which the God of heaven has endowed him.

It may, and no doubt will be asked, why an institution upon this extended plan can be made to operate well, when one on a much smaller scale could not be made to succeed? After due preparation, time and steadiness of purpose is necessary to accomplish much in any pursuit. A series of years is necessary for the cultivation of the mind, or to accomplish much in a business operation. The expense of carrying on a large establishment, after the outfit, would be but little more in the large than in the small one; in a school of twenty scholars, nearly as many branches of

science would be required as in a school of two hundred; in the larger number, no one branch would be likely to afford a class too large to be instructed by one individual; and the same would hold good in the department of labor. In the large school, every department of business would be carried on in a manner to render it successful and profitable, while in the small school, some of the branches must be neglected for the want of hands or time; the expense of instructors would be about the same in the small as in the large school. One of the reasons why families fail to educate their children at home, is the want of time on the part of the parents to give the necessary instruction, together with the means and qualifications to teach. Six hours of labor per day, applied under the direction of skillful superintendents, assisted by the improved means of machinery and tools, will accomplish more than ten hours in the usual method. Another strong reason why those small institutions have failed: it is believed that sufficient interest in its success has not been attendant on its management; self-interest, the dominant law of our nature, has not been aroused; the idea of property must be awakened in the minds of those who have the immediate charge of the school, either in the form of a direct interest, or in the form of emoluments; this, with a rigid accountability to some interested body, is indispensable to success.

To carry out the foregoing views, it is proposed to establish a school upon the joint stock plan, in which the Grand Lodge shall be a partner and each of the subordinate Lodges; these, with such private stockholders as can be procured, shall constitute the Company. The capital stock to consist of about fifty thousand dollars, in shares of twenty-five or thirty dollars each, to be subscribed and paid for in five yearly payments; the school to be under the direction of a Board of Directors, to be elected annually by the stockholders. The Directors required to visit the school at least once a year, and to make an annual report to the Grand Lodge embracing all matters connected with the school; which, together with the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, should be annually printed and distributed to each subordinate Lodge and stockholder.

As soon as the school was placed in successful operation, the Directors to set apart three per cent. upon the capital invested of the products of the institution, and pay the same to each stockholder upon the stock paid in; the residue of the products of the concern, after paying instructors, artizans, and superintendents, to be applied to the support of the students, to each in proportion to the value of, and the amount of labor rendered.

A project of this kind, I have no doubt, will by some be regarded as chimerical; but to those who will take the trouble to investigate the principles embraced in the plan, will arrive at different conclusions. It must be remembered, that this system is to embrace a community of individuals, consisting of both sexes, embracing all the varied pursuits of life, in one

great family; stimulated to the full discharge of their parental duty by their annual support and yearly stipend, this, with what of wisdom and benevolence they may possess, and a rigid accountability, will be a sufficient prompter to the full discharge of all their duties; the students, prompted by the love of fame, aided by being permitted to follow their passional desires in their intellectual culture as well as physical exertions, will operate as sufficient stimuli to draw out their best exertions, which being directed by intelligence and kindness, assisted with the best means of doing every thing, no doubt can exist of the success of such an institution.

The idea of associating females in an institution of this kind, may be new to some, but will be indispensable to one organized upon this plan; their services will be important in some portions of the domestic affairs, several branches of business that will be essential to the success of the system can be wholly, or nearly so, conducted by them—the manufacture of the cloth and clothing for the establishment, and the light parts of horticulture, and a variety of other matters. The association of the two sexes in an institution of the kind here proposed, under the eye of their governor and governesses, no doubt could exist but much better feeling would be produced, the family relations could be more fully realized, the rougher passions of the young men would be better curbed in the company of females, when properly limited, as would be the case under the eye of their teachers.

It is unnecessary to call the attention of those who have seen much of mankind, to the importance of keeping alive in the minds of the young those tender feelings that exist between parent and child, and between children of the same parents; it is the awakening of the warmer sympathies of our nature, and contributes to the curbing of the rougher passions of humanity. The more closely we can imitate, in the education of youth, those tender and correct feelings which are produced in a well regulated family, the better. The want of this frequently alienates the affections of the young, begets selfishness, blunts the social feelings, and tends to aristocracy in word, thought and action.

Certificates of stock should be given on the full payment of the stock subscribed, or as the amount of a share is paid up, and these Certificates transferable on the books of the institution. This plan is thought sufficient to induce the lovers of science, and the benevolent who may have the means, to vest the same in such an enterprise.

Through the favor of the Hon. O. H. Smith, late a U. S. Senator from the State of Indiana, I have been favored with a copy of a Charter of a Manual Labor School, together with the outlines of the plan of the School. This School is situated at Berea, twelve miles southwest from Cleveland, Ohio, and was founded by Josiah Holbrook, the founder of the *Lyceum System.* The property is five hundred acres of land, situated on Rock river. The plan of this School differs in several particulars from the one here

proposed. It is a joint stock concern, consisting of one thousand shares of fifty dollars each, and are transferrable; interest is paid upon the stock after the payment of twenty dollars. If desired, the stockholders may receive their annual dividends in Philosophical apparatus, specimens in Geology, Botany or Natural History, manufactured or prepared by the School. A town plat has been laid off by the Company, and some thirty Lots have been sold. It is designed that the scholars shall board among the villagers. The teachers, as well as the scholars, are required to labor six hours each day, and to be paid by the piece or for the amount of work done or labor performed. The general plan of the institution is, to build up a school on the Manual Labor plan, and in the character of a Lyceum, to hold connection or correspondence with similar institutions, and such Lyceums as may be established for the diffusion of knowledge; to educate young men and women as teachers in a system of education based upon lectures and the demonstration of what is taught. This last corresponds with the leading features of the plan which I have proposed. Information to the great mass of mankind is only beneficial as it can be applied in the acquiring of a living; and but few would study science for the mere pleasure that the philosophy of it affords; it is the advantages that knowledge gives in supplying the wants and desires of our nature that prompts men to study.

For the purpose of ascertaining the views of the Grand Lodge, I have prepared and offer with this several resolutions, on which I respectfully ask the consideration of the Grand Lodge. PHILIP MASON.

Resolved, That the plan of a Manual Labor School, presented by Brother Philip Mason, be approved by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That for the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the subordinate Lodges, and members of the Craft, on the subject of a Manual Labor School on the plan proposed by Brother Philip Mason, the Grand Lodge does hereby appoint Brother ..... an agent of the Grand Lodge, to confer with the subordinate Lodges and such individuals as he may think proper, and to procure subscriptions of stock and donations; and be it further

Resolved, That all donations subscribed and paid in shall be made to the Grand Lodge, and shall be, by that board, vested in the proposed school in the form of stock. And be it further

Resolved, That so soon as $25,000 is subscribed, said agent shall apply to the Legislature of the State for an act of Incorporation, and on procuring said Charter, he shall proceed to select a site for the Institution, and report his doings to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge. And for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this resolution, said agent is hereby authorized to draw from time to time on the Grand Treasurer, for such sums as he may need to defray expense of printing, postage, and such other incidental expenses as may be requisite to carry out the true intention of this resolution; and all such drafts shall be a good voucher in the hands of the Treasurer in the settlement of his accounts with the Grand Lodge.

The following is recorded by order of the Grand Master:—At a convocation of Past Masters, 30th May, 1844, Brother HARVEY G. HAZELRIGG was duly installed Worshipful Master of *Montgomery Lodge*, No. 50; RICHARD SOPRIS, W. M. of *Aurora Lodge*, No. 51; and JAMES D. LINSDAY, W. M. of *Franklin Lodge*, No. 52.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., MAY 26, A. L. 5845, A. D. 1845.

M. W., ISAAC BARTLETT, *Grand Master.*

AT an Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the City of Indianapolis, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of May, A. L. 5845, A. D. 1845.—Present,

M. W., ISAAC BARTLETT, D. G. M., Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W., JOHNSON WATTS, Senior Grand Warden.
" CALEB SCHMIDLAPP, Junior Grand Warden.
M. R., JOHN L. RICHMOND, Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
AUSTIN W. MORRIS, Grand Secretary.
JOHN FOSTER, Grand Treasurer.
JOHN L. MENAUGH, Senior Grand Deacon.
LEWIS BURKE, Junior Grand Deacon.
URIAH GATES, Grand Steward and Tyler, *pro tem.*

Past Grand Officers.—Abel C. Pepper and John B. Martin.

Representatives.—From Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, George W. Wilkinson; Union Lodge, No. 2, Frederick Crumbaugh; Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, Jacob F. Crider; Cambridge Lodge, No. 5, George W. Whitman; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, Alexander C. Downey; Versailles Lodge, No. 7, Johnson Watts; Palestine Lodge, No. 14, Henry Davis; Warren Lodge, No. 15, Caleb B. Smith; St. John's Lodge, No. 20, Hugh Ferry; Salem Lodge, No. 21, Marmaduke Coffin; Monroe Lodge, No. 22, Asher Labertew; Center Lodge, No. 23, Thomas Donnellan; Webb Lodge, No. 24, Stephen B. Stanton; Wayne Lodge, No. 25, G. Johnson; Charity Lodge, No. 30, James Calhoun; Tipton Lodge, No. 33, Daniel D. Pratt; Perry Lodge, No. 37, Edward Barrell; Clark Lodge, No. 40, Daniel Trotter; Laporte Lodge, No. 41, Volney W. Bailey; Springfield Lodge, No. 43, Timothy D. Faucett; St. Joseph's Lodge, No. 45, A. B. Ellsworth; Temple Lodge, No. 47, C. G. Ballard; Mount Olive Lodge, No. 48, D. W. Bowen; Montgomery Lodge, No. 50, Mahlon D. Manson; Aurora Lodge, No. 51, Thomas J. Bailey, sen.; Franklin Lodge, No. 52, David Fisher; Chesterfield Lodge, No. 53, George H. Ballingall; Clinton Lodge, No. 54, G. P. Gentry; Burns Lodge, No. 55, Thomas J. Baily, jr.; Winchester Lodge, No. 56, Beattie McClelland; Rockville Lodge, (U. D.), Peter Q. Stryker; Knightstown Lodge, (U. D.), George C. McCune; Williamsport

Lodge, (U. D.), R. A. Chandler; Goshen Lodge, (U. D.), E. Brown; Napoleon Lodge, (U. D.), David Lendley; Thornton Lodge, (U. D.), H. G. Hazelrigg; Whitewater Lodge, (U. D.), Wm. T. Hinkson; Attica Lodge, (U. D.), J. P. Wamsley.

Visitors.—Brothers John C. Matthews, John Ferrell, Thomas Bishop, T. J. Benbridge, J. Wilcox, T. McMannus, Nelson Donnellan, Wm. Doughty, John Greer, James Greer, Aaron Homan, Charles Fisher, John L. Richmond, E. Colstock, J. W. Kittleman, H. Colstock, E. Pyle, J. Rider, D. P. Holloway, James J. Drum, A. W. Harrison, Wm. Hacker, Joseph B. Cornelius, John Woods, sen., John H. Sanders, N. B. Palmer, John B. Finley, F. Biddle, Joshua Harris, ... Dougan, A. Bird, H. Bacon, Orsemus Richmond, John Burk, Frederick Troxel, William Quarles, Absalom Halderly, John B. Buskirk, Charles I. Hand, M. G. Bright, S. W. Norris, J. C. Burtch and Sullivan Evans.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form; and, after prayer by the M. R. Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*, the Grand Lodge proceeded to labor in the third degree of Masonry.

The representatives aforesaid, presented the Returns of their several Lodges and their credentials as representatives, and took their seats accordingly.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge the following Annual Address of the M. W. Grand Master, PHILIP MASON, with the accompanying documents, which were read and laid on the table:

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:—Another Masonic year has just terminated, and left but little of interest to record. The Craft throughout our Masonic jurisdiction are traveling the even tenor of their way, and their numbers are on the increase.

Since our last Annual Communication we have received the proceedings of a number of foreign Grand Lodges. They bespeak a general advance of the Institution, and a large share of that fraternal feeling so characteristic of the Order; much valuable and interesting matter is contained in them. They will be laid before you in due time by the Grand Secretary, and will furnish a large field for the committee on that subject.

I must again be indulged while I call your attention to the committee on Foreign Correspondence. It is through this committee that we are to maintain our intercourse with our foreign Brethren. It is to this committee that we look for what is important and interesting in the transactions of foreign Grand Lodges in correspondence with us. The first thing sought for in taking up a Grand Lodge proceeding is the report of its committee on Foreign Correspondence. How thrilling and interesting when we find a full and elaborate report of Masonic events. How chilling when we find a lank, lean affair as is too often the case,—barely saying that "we have examined the correspondence, and find nothing requiring the action of this Grand Lodge." In this matter we have some worthy examples in some of the Grand Lodge proceedings of last year.

The defect in the reports of this committee is attributable to the want of time. To discharge the duties of the committee faithfully during the sittings of the Grand Lodge, would employ the whole time of the meeting, and deprive the Lodge of the services of the members of the committee. I would recommend that in future the committee on Foreign Correspondence be appointed annually, and hold over until the next annual meeting; and from time to time let all foreign communications be

transmitted to the chairman of said committee, and the committee be required to report at the next meeting after their appointment. Let such a report as can be made at the present meeting be made on all communications now on hand; and hereafter pursue the plan proposed.

By reference to the document herewith accompanying, marked A, it will be seen that since our last meeting our Brethren in Michigan have taken steps to cure the difficulties under which they labored. It is now hoped that all differences with them are at an end, and that a full fraternal fellowship be extended to them.

Although considerable advancement has been made in Masonic intelligence within our jurisdiction, it must be admitted that we are behind the age in which we live. The most prompt and efficient measures should be taken to enlarge our stock of Masonic intelligence. Notwithstanding the limited means of the Grand Lodge, I do most earnestly recommend that the Grand Lodge appoint a Grand Lecturer, and endow him for one year with a small salary, and require him to devote as much of his time in instructing the subordinate Lodges as the means allowed him would justify. No doubt is entertained that if this course be adopted, the desire of instruction will prompt a voluntary contribution on the part of the subordinate Lodges; which, together with the amount given by the Grand Lodge, would enable a liberal individual to visit and lecture most of the Lodges in a year. If the plan be approved and adopted, great care is necessary in the selection of an individual. No one but an individual known for his moral worth and sound Masonic intelligence should be selected for the station. The Grand Lecturer, in the course of his labors, could collect a mass of facts and matters of interest, which could be embodied in a report, and rendered interesting to the Fraternity.

While on the subject of Lectures, I cannot help recommending the importance and advantages that would result from well delivered lectures in the Lodge room on the practical branches of science. Our ancient Brethren stand highest in the scale of intelligence and usefulness. Science unfolds the human mind, and enlarges our sphere of understanding, and fits man for usefulness in all the walks of life.

The erection of neat Masonic domicils in each village where we have a Lodge would add greatly to the comfort and convenience of the Craft. A well selected site, and the erection of a well arranged building, the lower room used as a school-room, church or town-hall, supported by a virtuous and enlightened Body of Masons, would be but carrying out those great principles embodied in our Masonic Ritual. The foregoing objects accomplished, the Fraternity would be a living witness of the utility of the Masonic Craftsman, and the admiration of the intelligent and good.

I would suggest the propriety of printing a larger number than heretofore of the Grand Lodge Proceedings, and furnishing at least half a dozen copies to each of the subordinate Lodges, thereby enlarging the means of obtaining Masonic information by the Brethren, and becoming acquainted with the events passing in the Masonic world.

In the printed Proceedings of last year, may be found a resolution authorising Liberty Lodge to resume her labors under certain provisions. Said provisions have so far been complied with, and she is entitled to all the privileges of a Lodge. For particulars, see the paper herewith accompanying, marked B.

We have much reason to return our most sincere and unfeigned thanks to the Supreme Architect of the universe for his continued mercies. We have not to mourn the loss of dear and important friends, or the deprivation of any of those free privileges which are so essential to our happiness and well being; but on the contrary, we are in possession of all the common wants of our nature, and the

means of improving our moral and intellectual natures; for which let us give thanks to Him who governs all things—the Great I Am.

To close, accept my humble thanks for the long continued confidence manifested toward me by the Grand Lodge and the Fraternity through the State—accept, also my best wishes for the future prosperity and welfare of the Craft, while I again refer you to a former Valedictory. Domestic cares, and health somewhat impaired, prevent my being with you.

I am, with fraternal regard, your Brother

PHILIP MASON, *Grand Master.*

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—R. W., ISAAC BARTLETT, D. G. M., presiding.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Finance.—Brothers CRUMBAUGH, BARRELL and DONNELLAN.

On Grievances.—Brothers FERRY, LABERTEW and BAILY (of Laporte).

On Credentials.—Brothers COFFIN and C. G. BALLARD.

On Unfinished Business.—Brothers WHITTEN and MANSON.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers DOWNEY, HAZELRIGG, ELLSWORTH and PRATT.

On Claims.—Brothers MENAUGH, BALLINGALL and TROTTER.

On Charters and Dispensations.—Brothers STANTON, WILKERSON and CALHOUN.

On Visitors.—Brothers V. W. BAILY and C. G. BALLARD

On motion of Brother *Hazelrigg*, the Annual Address of the M. W. Grand Master was taken up, and the following resolutions were severally adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That so much of the Annual Address of the M. W. Grand Master, as relates to foreign Lodges and communications from the same, be referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the number of copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge to be annually distributed to the several subordinate Lodges, be referred to the committee on Finance.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the appointment of a committee on Foreign Correspondence—to continue in session in vacation, and report to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge—be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Calhoun, McCune and McClellan.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Donnellan, Burke and Pratt.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the erection of Masonic domicils, be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Pepper, Barrell and Menaugh.

On motion of Brother *Crumbaugh*, the following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The M. W. Grand Master has deemed it expedient to invite our worthy Brother Samuel Reed, Grand Lecturer of the State of Ohio, to be present with us during our present Annual Communication: Therefore,

Resolved, That Brother Reed be introduced to the Brethren, and provided with an appropriate seat; and that he also be invited to participate with us in our deliberations during the session of this Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, Brother Reed (after the ceremony of introduction) returned thanks to the Grand Lodge, in an appropriate address, for the honor conferred on him by the resolution, and was seated on the left of the M. W. Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge a communication from Liberty Lodge, desiring a surrender of their Charter and jewels to the Grand Lodge; which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge, a communication from Brother Levi Sparks, stating that Blazing Star Lodge had been installed by him, on the 15th inst., by order of the M. W. Grand Master. Also, a communication from Brother Marmaduke Coffin, stating that he had, by order of the M. W. Grand Master, installed the officers of Washington Lodge, No. 13. Also, a communication from Brother Ferry, stating that in pursuance of orders from the M. W. Grand Master, he had duly installed the officers of Burns Lodge, No. 55. All of which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge a communication from Brother Bazil D. Cruikshanks, Editor of the *Masonic Mirror*, returning his thanks to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and for the patronage he had received at their hands, and requesting a future support; also, accompanied with several numbers of the Mirror for the current year, as specimens of the work. Whereupon, on motion of Brother *Pepper*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we have undiminished confidence in the *Masonic Mirror*, and recommend it to the Lodges of Indiana, as well worthy of their support; and that the Grand Secretary inform the Editor of this resolution.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge, a communication from the M. R. Grand Chaplain, stating that he had been deprived of the pleasure of meeting with the Grand Lodge by severe indisposition; which was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Stanton, Johnson and Bowen.

Brother *Ferry* returned the notes of Daniel Kelso, being unable to collect them. The notes were then placed in the hands of Brother Alexander Downey, of Rising Sun, with instructions to exercise his own discretion as to the mode of attempting to collect the same.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge, a communication from Brother Willoughby, of St. Joseph's Lodge, No. 45, alleging that the By-Laws of said Lodge were, in their operation, inconsistent with the spirit and usages of Masonry; which was read and referred to the committee on Dispensations.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge, a statement of expulsions by Wayne Lodge, No. 25, since the last Annual Grand Communication; which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had furnished Brother William Marshall with a copy of the charges and specifications preferred against him at the last Grand Communication, and also laid before the Grand Lodge the written answer of Brother Marshall to said charges; which were read and referred to the committee on Grievances.

The Grand Secretary reported that, since the last Annual Grand Communication, the M. W. Grand Master had issued Dispensations to hold Lodges at Thorntown, Napoleon, Goshen, and Harrison. Whereupon, the petitions for said Lodges were referred to the committee on Dispensations.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. ISAAC BARTLETT, *G. Master, pro tem.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, May 27, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. R. W., ISAAC BARTLETT, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother Caleb B. Smith, the representative from Warren Lodge, No. 15, and G. P. Gentry, from Clinton Lodge, No. 54, appeared and took their seats as such.

Brother *Stanton*, from the committee to whom was referred the communication of the M. R. Grand Chaplain, reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were read and laid on the table:

WHEREAS, It has been represented to this Grand Lodge, that the M. R. Draper Chipman, Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, is unable, on account of ill health, to attend this present meeting of the Grand Lodge: And whereas, it has been made known to us, that said Draper Chipman is a worthy man—much devoted to the cause of Masonry, but of limited means as regards "this world's goods;" therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do allow and pay to Brother Chipman, the amount of the fees he would have been entitled to, had he visited this Grand Communication.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit to Brother Chipman the aforesaid amount, together with a copy of these resolutions.

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge in the present case, shall not hereafter be considered as a precedent on similar cases.

Brother *Hazelrigg* offered the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved, That the resolution of this Grand Lodge, adopted at the Annual Grand Communication of 1818—declaring it to be improper for subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, to publish the suspension or expulsion of a member—be, and the same is hereby rescinded; and that, hereafter, it shall be left to the discretion of the subordinate Lodges, whether they will publish suspensions or expulsions, or not.

On motion of Brother *Stanton*, Brothers Schmidlapp, Watts and Burke were appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency of having a public celebration and installation.

On motion of Brother *Watts*, the committee on Finance were instructed

to inquire into the expediency of reducing the initiating fee, from two dollars to *one dollar and fifty cents;* also, the Grand Lodge dues, from seventy-five cents to *fifty cents.*

Brother *McCune*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Annual Address as relates to the appointment of a committee on Correspondence, reported the following resolutions, which were read and laid on the table:

Resolved, That a standing committee on Correspondence be appointed, to consist of one member, to continue in office one year and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified—to whom shall be referred, from time to time during vacation, as well as during the session of the Grand Lodge, all foreign communications and correspondence; and that it shall be the duty of said committee to attend to such correspondence, and report his proceedings annually at each regular meeting of the Grand Lodge next succeeding his appointment.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to furnish said committee the foreign communications and correspondence as they may come to hand, to enable said committee to attend to the same.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—R. W., ISAAC BARTLETT, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother *Burke*, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of a public celebration, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee are of opinion, that the time is too short, to make the necessary arrangements for a public installation, as also for an orator to prepare himself for an occasion of the kind. Therefore, your committee take great pleasure in unanimously recommending the inexpediency of a public installation at the present session of the Grand Lodge. Your committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Brother *Ferry*, from the committee on Grievances, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

After examining all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, as well as the communication of Brother Wm. Marshall, referred to your committee,—they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all further proceedings against Brother Marshall be suspended until the next Annual Grand Communication; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to appoint an agent to make settlement with Brother Marshall—if he should ask for such settlement as named in his communication.

Resolved, That Brother Marshall be informed of the adoption of this resolution; and that the Grand Secretary report at the next Annual Grand Communication.

On motion of Brother *Hazelrigg*, the resolution offered by him, in relation to rescinding the resolution of 1818 on the subject of publishing

expulsions and suspensions by subordinate Lodges, was taken up and adopted.

Brother *Johnson* moved the reconsideration of the vote just had on the resolution last named; and after some discussion, and before the question was taken, the Grand Lodge adjourned, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. ISAAC BARTLETT, *G. Master, pro tem.*

Attest: — AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, May 28, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. R. W., ISAAC BARTLETT, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother *Ferry*, from the committee to whom was referred the communication from Liberty Lodge, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

After examining the communication from Liberty Lodge, No. 35, and finding that they have concluded to dissolve and give up their jewels and effects, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother Lewis Burke be requested to take possession of the jewels and effects of said Liberty Lodge, No. 35, and transmit them to the Grand Secretary as soon as possible.

Brother *Pepper*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Annual Address as relates to the erection of Masonic domicils, made the following report, which was read and the committee discharged:

That the thoughts bestowed upon the subject have produced a conviction, that where Lodges can, by donations, contributions or otherwise, raise the means without serious embarassment, it will be highly commendable to erect Masonic Halls suited to the accomodation of the work. As to the best plan on which to build, your committee can think of none better adapted to considerations of economy and convenience, than connecting them with church houses, seminaries or school houses,—as recommended by the M. W. Grand Master.

That the founding of Masonic domicils in our towns and villages, would encourage the Craft in its onward progress,—would enhance the value of property wherever they were reared,—would greatly contribute to the security and convenience of the work in subordinate Lodges,—would fortify them against many difficulties, real or apprehended, and, in some sort, meliorate the state and condition of society,—your committee can not doubt.

Brother *Coffin*, from the committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have examined the credentials referred to them, and find that the following Brethren are representatives:

Brother George W. Wilkerson, from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1; Frederick Crumbaugh, Union Lodge, No. 2; Jacob F. Crider, Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4; George W. Whitman, Cambridge Lodge, No. 5; Alexander C. Downing, Rising Sun Lodge,

No. 6; Johnson Watts, Versailles Lodge, No. 7; Henry Davis, Palestine Lodge, No 14; Caleb B. Smith, Warren Lodge, No. 15; Hugh Ferry, St. John's Lodge, No. 20; Marmaduke Coffin, Salem Lodge, No. 21; A. Labertew, Monroe Lodge, No. 22; Thomas Donnellan, Center Lodge, No. 23; Stephen B. Stanton, Webb Lodge, No. 24; G. Johnson, Wayne Lodge, No. 25; James Calhoun, Charity Lodge, No. 30; Samuel D. Pratt, Tipton Lodge, No. 33; Edward Barrell, Perry Lodge, No. 37; Daniel Trotter, Clark Lodge, No. 40; Volney W. Bailey, Laporte Lodge, No. 41; Timothy D. Faucett, Springfield Lodge, No. 43; A. B. Ellsworth, St. Joseph's Lodge, No. 45; C. G. Ballard, Temple Lodge, No. 47; C. W. Bowen, Mount Olive Lodge, No. 48; Mahlon D. Manson, Montgomery Lodge, No. 50; Thomas J. Bailey, Aurora Lodge, No. 51; David Fisher, Franklin Lodge, No. 52; George A. Ballingall, Chesterfield Lodge, No. 53; Z. B. Gentry, Clinton Lodge, No. 54; Thomas G. Bailey, Burns Lodge, No. 55; Beattie McClelland, Winchester Lodge, No. 56; Peter Q. Stryker, Rockville Lodge, (U. D.); George C. McCune, Knightstown Lodge, (U. D.); R. A. Chandler, Williamsport Lodge, (U. D.); E. Brown, Goshen Lodge, (U. D.); David Lindley, Napoleon Lodge, (U. D.); H. G. Hazelrigg, Thornton Lodge, (U. D.); Wm. T. Hinkson, Whitewater Lodge, (U. D.); J. P. Walmsley, Attica Lodge, (U. D.)

Brother *Martin* offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Martin, Ferry and Menaugh:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to return to each Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge, the amount of the funds received from each of said Lodges, over and above the sum of fifty cents for each member per annum since the year 1842.

On motion of Brother *Burke*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approve of the course adopted by the M. W. Grand Master, to disseminate correct information of a Masonic character among the Craft of Indiana; and that the committee on Finance, in their report, provide a reasonable compensation for the services and expenses of the Grand Lecturer of Ohio.

On motion of Brother *Johnson*, Wayne Lodge, No. 25, was granted until the next Annual Grand Communication, to pay its dues for the year 1844.

Brother *Menaugh* offered the following preamble and resolution, which was read and referred to the committee on Dispensations:

WHEREAS, Lafayette Lodge, No. 28, at Shelbyville, has forfeited all its privileges as a Lodge, but is now desirous of resuming its labors; therefore,

Resolved, That upon said Lodge presenting to the Grand Secretary its Charter, he shall indorse thereon a memorandum giving it authority to resume labor from the date of such endorsement; and that all former dues are hereby cancelled: *Provided*, that the fees of the Grand Secretary, (as in cases of the Dispensations being issued), be first paid.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following report of receipts and disbursements, from the 27th of May, 1844, to the 26th of May, 1845, (including balance on hand as shown by the last annual report), which was read and referred to the committee on Finance:

Receipts.—May, 1844, Cash from Gr. Secretary, $543 79; January, 1845, Orders, $257 15; May, 1845, Cash and Orders, $189 69,.....	$990 63
Balance in hands, as per last report,.....	121 19
Total,.....	$1,111 82
Disbursements.—Aggregate amount of Orders redeemed, drawn by Grand Secretary,.....	883 69
Balance on hand, May 26th, 1845,.....	$228 13

The Grand Secretary made the following annual report (dated May 27th, 1845), of receipts and expenditures, from the 27th of May, 1844, to the 26th of May, 1845 (exclusive), which was read and referred to the committee on Finance:

Receipts.—There remained in the hands of the G. Secretary, at last report,	$ 10 06
Received from Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, (dues for 1844),	11 75
Union Lodge, No. 2, (dues for 1844),	17 25
Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, (dues for 1844),	16 50
Cambridge Lodge, No. 5, (for Charter),	25 00
Rising Sun Lodge, No. 6, (dues for 1844),	48 25
Versailles Lodge, No. 7, (for Charter),	25 00
Harmony Lodge, No. 11, (dues for 1844),	11 00
Palestine Lodge, No. 14, (dues for 1844),	11 00
Warren Lodge, No. 15, (dues for 1842, 1843, and 1844),	36 00
St. John's Lodge, No. 20, (dues for 1844),	11 00
Salem Lodge, No. 21, (dues for 1844),	17 50
Monroe Lodge, No. 22, (dues for 1844),	6 50
Center Lodge, No. 23, (dues for 1844),	32 25
Wayne Lodge, No. 25, (dues for 1844),	39 75
Charity Lodge, No. 30, (dues for 1844),	9 75
Tipton Lodge, No. 33, (dues for 1844),	18 00
Perry Lodge, No. 37, (dues for 1844),	37 75
New Albany Lodge, No. 39, (dues for 1844),	16 25
Madison Lodge, No. 44, (dues for 1843),	22 75
Same, (dues for 1844),	34 00
St. Joseph's Lodge, No. 45, (dues for 1844),	31 00
Delaware Lodge, No. 46, (dues for 1844),	39 00
Same, (dues for 1844, and part for Charter),	16 25
Temple Lodge, No. 47, (dues for 1844),	25 25
Mount Olive Lodge, No. 48, (dues for 1844),	28 00
Montgomery Lodge, No. 50, (for Charter),	25 00
Franklin Lodge, No. 52, (for Charter),	25 00
Chesterfield Lodge, No 53, (for Charter),	25 00
Clinton Lodge, No. 56, (in part for Charter),	20 75
Montgomery Lodge, (U. D.), dues for 1844,	33 25
Harrison Lodge, (U D.), dues for 1844,	96 25
Aurora Lodge, (U. D.), dues for 1844,	23 50
Chesterfield Lodge, (U. D.), dues for 1844,	10 75
Versailles Lodge, (U. D.), dues for 1844,	34 00
Cambridge Lodge, (U. D.), dues for 1844,	28 75
Winchester Lodge, (U. D.), dues for 1844,	20 00
Frankfort Lodge, (U. D.), dues for 1844,	30 75
Bank Dividends, for November, 1844, and May, 1845,	20 82
Total receipts,	$ 990 63
Expenditures.—There has been audited during the same period, warrants for which have been drawn on the Grand Treasurer,	884 44
Receipts and Cash in Grand Secretary's hands, at close of last year,	$ 106 19
Add balance in Grand Treasurer's hands at close of last year,	121 19
Amount in Treasury on this day, (provided all claims are paid),	$ 227 38
Add to this for outstanding warrant to M. V. Simonson,	75
Which leaves in the Treasury	$ 228 13

The amount paid to Grand Treasurer during last year, as per receipts is as follows, to-wit: May 25th, 1844, $543 79; Jan. 20th, 1845, $257 15; May 24th, 1845, $189 69.—Total, $990 63. Leaving nothing in Grand Secretary's hands on this day.

The Grand Secretary would further report, that he has not succeeded in settling the claims of the Grand Lodge to a building in Corydon; but hopes to do so, by the close of the present year. The title of Pisgah Lodge being considered defective by those claiming the property, will render such settlement difficult, it is apprehended, upon any just terms to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary gave an order to Rockville Lodge, upon the late Clinton Lodge, for their jewels forfeited to this Grand Lodge; but they did not receive them, as they were found to be of no value.

Brother *Morris*, from the committee to whom was delegated (by a resolution of the last Grand Lodge) authority to purchase a Lot of ground suitable for the erection of a Grand Masonic Hall, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

The committee have, during the last year, made many examinations of property, both collectively and individually, with a view to a purchase; but have not, as yet, closed a contract for any. The reason is, the amount required to be paid in hand by owners, was more than the means of the Grand Lodge. Your committee would, however, report the property they preferred, among that offered for sale:

Their first choice, is a lot of 29½ feet front on Washington street, above Bates' *point* store house, on same side of street, and running back to Virginia avenue —owned by Mr. Brister. The price of this, for cash in hand, and no other terms will be given, is $1,800 00.

The second, is a Lot opposite, owned by Messrs. D. Williams & John Wilkins, 44 feet;—price $2,400.

The third, is a whole Lot, 71 feet, covered with buildings, immediately west of the Post Office, owned by Messrs. Bates & A. F. Morrison—price $100 00 per foot.

For the last named Lot, credits would be given. This Lot is among the most valuable in the city, and would now rent for more than six per cent. on the money; yet your committee deem the price over the means of the Grand Lodge. They therefore report the facts, that the Grand Lodge may take such further order on the subject as they may deem best.

Your committee would remark, however, that they did not go off the business streets and the business part of it for selections,—having settled it in their minds, that if the Grand Lodge purchased property, it ought to be that kind, the first story of which would readily rent at good prices, thereby being productive to the Grand Lodge.

Your committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the subject, and request the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master appoint a committee of five members, to examine the property referred to in this report, and such other property as may be offered for their examination; and that they be clothed with all the powers of this committee; and that they report to this Grand Lodge, before the closing of the present session.

Whereupon, the M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Donnellan, Stanton, Pratt, Ellsworth and Whitman said committee.

On motion of Brother *Whitman*, the dues of Springfield Lodge, No. 43, were remitted said Lodge.

Brother *Stanton*, from the committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

First,—That no Charters or papers relative to Lodges working under Charters have been handed to the committee.

Secondly,—That in the workings of Rockville Lodge, (U. D.), they find the proceedings to be correct—except that, in *closing* the Lodge, the Secretary has recorded the word "adjourned," instead of the word *closed* in peace and harmony. Their By-Laws are all correct. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to said Rockville Lodge, as *Parke Lodge*, No. 8; and that Brother PETER Q. STRYKER be the first Master thereof, *John Briggs* the Senior Warden, and *Seba H. Case*, the Junior Warden.

Thirdly,—That the workings of Williamsport Lodge are correct, as also their By-Laws. Your committee would recommend, that their Dispensation be renewed to them as they request.

Fourthly,—The proceedings of Thorntown Lodge are correct; but they have a By-Law which allows the expulsion of a member to be published before the consent of the Grand Lodge is obtained; which provision is contrary to a resolution of this Grand Lodge, passed in 1818, and re-enforced in 1842. Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to said Lodge, as *Thornton Lodge*, No. 9; and that Brother HARVEY G. HAZELRIGG be the first Master thereof, *Silas S. White*, the Senior Warden, and *Joseph D. Davis, jr.*, the Junior Warden. And that said Lodge be directed to make their By-Laws, in the above mentioned particulars conform to the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Fifthly,—The workings of Attica Lodge are correct. No By-Laws of said Lodge were shown to the committee; but their By-Laws, it is understood, are in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and are considered correct. Your committee, (in view of the expenses incurred by said Lodge, borne, too, principally by a few spirited Masons), would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted (on a credit of one year) to said Lodge, as *Attica Lodge*, No. 18: that Brother WILLIAM CRUMPTON be the first Master thereof, *Samuel Coleman*, the Senior Warden, and *James Hilton*, the Junior Warden.

Sixthly,—The workings of Napoleon Lodge are correct, as also its By-Laws. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to said Lodge, as *Napoleon Lodge*, No. 10; and that Brother DAVID LINDLEY be the first Master thereof, *John S. McHasson*, the Senior Warden, and *Aaron Culver*, the Junior Warden.

Seventhly,—The workings of Goshen Lodge are correct; we find, however, the following in Article 5, Section 2: "Every candidate for initiation, passing or raising, must be admitted to each degree, by a ballot in that degree;" which provision is wrong. We recommend, that they amend this provision, so as to conform with the regulations of the Grand Lodge. Your committee also recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to said Lodge, as *Goshen Lodge*, No. 12; and that Brother E. BROWN be the first Master thereof, *E. W. H. Ellis*, the Senior Warden, and *Azel Skinner*, the Junior Warden.

Eighthly,—The workings of Knightstown Lodge are generally correct; but they are sometimes informal in the manner of opening and closing. We are of opinion,

that the By-Laws are incorrect, in Articles 4 and 22; which Articles are hereby made a part of this report for the action of this Grand Lodge. In the minutes of said Lodge, dated February 21, 1845, we find that said Lodge has declared Brother Joseph M. Whitesell elected Treasurer in place of Daniel Mason, resigned. This we deem incorrect—an *appointment* should have been made instead of an election. Your committee recommend, that said Lodge be directed to amend their 4th Article, above referred to, so that all vacancies shall be filled *semi-annually only;* also, strike out all that part relating to *fines* upon members; also, that they so amend the 22d Article, that it will require the full sum of fifteen dollars to be paid before the first degree is conferred. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved. That a Charter be granted said Lodge, as *Golden Rule Lodge*, No. 16; and that Brother George C. McCune be the first Master thereof, *George Davis*, the Senior Warden, and *Jacob B. Allspaugh*, the Junior Warden.

Ninthly,—We have had under consideration the workings and By-Laws of Whitewater Lodge, and feel constrained to say that the record of the workings are very informal. We therefore recommend that Brother Abel C. Pepper, who resides in the vicinity be requested by the Grand Master to assist said Lodge in forming their By-Laws. With this provision, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted said Lodge, as *Harrison Lodge*, No. 17; and that Brother William T. Hinkson be the first Master thereof, *George Oiler*, the Senior Warden, and *Emanuel Withers*, the Junior Warden.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

Two o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—R. W., Isaac Bartlett, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother *Pratt*, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Annual Address as relates to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, made the following report, which was read and laid on the table:

The committee have bestowed upon the subject referred to them, as much deliberation as their limited time would allow. There is much of humiliating truth in the remark of the M. W. Grand Master—"that we are behind the age in which we live, in respect to the amount of Masonic intelligence within our jurisdiction." While evidences of the increasing favor of Masonry in the community are multiplying daily, and while, in some parts of our jurisdiction, unexampled accessions are making to our numbers, it seems meet and proper to the committee that corresponding efforts should be made to render our Institution more worthy of the generous favor extended toward her, by elevating the standard of Masonic intelligence in the subordinate Lodges, by an infusion of greater zeal, and by the correction of irregularities in their modes of working. It seems to the committee that no better method of effecting these desirable objects can be pointed out, than that recommended in the Address. The labors of a competent Grand Lecturer, such as is recommended by the M. W. Grand Master, would go far to harmonize the difference in the modes of Labor prevailing in the different Lodges, produce uniformity, and re-establish ancient landmarks,—an object, in the estimation of the committee, of paramount importance. It is not doubted that the Lodges would hail with pleasure the approach of such an instructor, and contribute liberally for his pay.

In accordance, therefore, with the recommendation of the Address, the committee report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do appoint a Grand Lecturer, to hold his office for one year from his appointment, at a salary of ..... dollars,—whose duty it shall be to visit, advise with, and instruct as many of the subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction, as in his power to do, selecting those most requiring aid.

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges so visited, be requested to contribute liberal quotas for the compensation of such Grand Lecturer.

Brother *Stanton*, from the committee on Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have considered the subject of the resolution referred to them, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That *Lafayette Lodge*, No. 28, upon complying with the standing Rule of Grand Lodge, have leave to resume labor,—holding their regular communications in Shelbyville, instead of alternately at Shelbyville and Hanover; and that Brother STEPHEN D. LUDLOW be appointed Worshipful Master thereof, *William Hacker*, the Senior Warden, and *James Elliott*, the Junior Warden; and that all former dues are hereby remitted to said Lodge: *Provided*, that the fee of the Grand Secretary for Dispensation, be paid by the Lodge.

On motion of Brother *McClelland*, Winchester Lodge, No. 56, was allowed until the next Grand Communication to pay the balance due on her Charter.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That on to-morrow, at two o'clock P. M., this Grand Lodge will publicly install her officers for the ensuing year; and that Brothers Donnellan and Ballard be appointed a committee to procure an Orator for the occasion, and make all other suitable arrangements.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months; Brothers Pratt and Stanton acting as tellers. Whereupon, the ballots being taken, the following Brethren were found to be duly elected to the offices affixed to their names respectively, to-wit:

M. W., ISAAC BARTLETT (of Logansport), Grand Master.
R. W., JOHNSON WATTS (of Dearborn county), Deputy Grand Master.
W., CALEB SCHMIDLAPP (of Madison), Senior Grand Warden.
" JOHN BURKE (of Lewisburgh), Junior Grand Warden.
M. R., DAVID FISHER (of Wilmington), Grand Chaplain.
AUSTIN W. MORRIS (of Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.
JOHN FOSTER (of Indianapolis), Grand Treasurer.
CHESTER G. BALLARD (of Greencastle), Senior Grand Deacon.
EDWARD BARRELL (of Lafayette), Junior Grand Deacon.
SAMUEL ROOKER (of Indianapolis), Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the selection of a site for the next Annual Grand Communication; whereupon, it was decided by ballot, that Indianapolis should be the place of the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

ISAAC BARTLETT, *G. Master, pro tem.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, May 29, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M. R. W., ISAAC BARTLETT, D. G. M., presiding.

Brother *Whitman*, from the committee appointed to make arrangements for a public installation of the Grand Officers elect of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have attended to the duty assigned them. The Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church have kindly tendered to the Grand Lodge the use of their house for the occasion. The committee have waited on Ex-Governor Brother David Wallace, with the request that he would deliver an Oration, to which he kindly consented. Your committee have also procured the services of the Indianapolis Band; and have appointed Brother A. W. Morris to act as Grand Marshal, with full power to make all necessary arrangements respecting the procession. Brother Fisher has been appointed Grand Chaplain; and Brother Martin, Master of Ceremonies.

Brother *Crumbaugh*, from the committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Upon an examination of the books and papers of the Grand Secretary, your committee find, that during the financial year just closed, beginning in May, 1844, and ending on the 26th of May, 1845, he has received the sum of $990 63. And that he has vouchers, as presented in his report, of having disbursed to the Grand Treasurer, the sum of $990 63. So that, at the close of the present fiscal year, there remains nothing in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

We also find, upon examination of the Grand Treasurer's books and papers, that there was a balance remaining in his hands at the close of the fiscal year in May, 1844,—as will be seen by a reference to the last annual report,—amounting to $121 19. Since that time to the close of the fiscal year ending on the 26th of May, 1845, he has received of the Grand Secretary, $990 63; showing the aggregate amount of all the moneys remaining in his hands, and received by him during the present year, to be $1,111 83. We further find, that he has disbursed, by the proper warrants from the Grand Secretary, the sum of $883 69; leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, of $228 13.

In closing this report, your committee can not refrain from the expression of their highest pleasure at the exact harmony and correspondence presented in the accounts between those two important officers of the Grand Lodge. They would furthermore express their conviction, that the financial department of this Grand Lodge—which has, upon former occasions, been so badly managed—is now in the hands of the most competent and trustworthy stewards. Every institution is dependent upon, and must be sustained by adequate pecuniary means; and it is upon the faithful keeping and disbursement of its revenue that it greatly depends for its healthy existence and progressive prosperity. It has, therefore, been a source of the highest gratification to your committee, to observe the precise correspondence between the books and papers respectively, of your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer; and while such a state of things exists, the high approval and esteem of this Grand Lodge can not be withheld.

On motion of Brother *Chandler*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the fourth Monday of May next be fixed as the day of the meeting of the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Johnson*, the Grand Lodge resolved to close on to-morrow (Friday), May 30th, 1845

On motion of Brother *Chandler*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby required to prepare for and superintend the printing of the Proceedings of the present session of the Grand Lodge; and that, in making up the copy for publication, the names and numbers of the Lodges, the places of their location, and their regular time of meeting, with the names of the Masters and Wardens and number of members, be appended thereto. In making a contract for the printing, he shall give notice to receive sealed proposals for doing the same,—and give the printing to the lowest bidder, having regard to neatness and responsibility.

On motion of Brother *Pepper*, the following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, entertaining the highest regard for the late worthy Grand Master, Brother Philip Mason; and remembering with pleasure the long and valuable services which he has rendered to this Grand Lodge: Therefore,

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby tendered to our worthy Brother, the M. W., Philip Mason, for the able, dignified and useful manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Grand Lodge, and administered its government for several years. And that the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of this resolution to Brother Mason, under the seal of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Calhoun*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Charters of Morning Star Lodge, No. 42, at Rushville, and Mason Lodge, No. 49, at Valparaiso be arrested; and that the jewels and property be taken possession of by this Grand Lodge. And that the Grand Secretary carry into effect this resolution—by himself or such agent as he may appoint.

On motion of Brother *Ballingall*, a further time of twelve months was allowed on the jewels purchased by Brother D. Kilgore.

On motion of Brother *Chandler*, the resolution adopted at the last Grand Communication—recommending to each subordinate Lodge the adoption of By-Laws prohibiting the initiation and the conferring of more than one degree upon the same candidate in less time than one month—was so amended as to add the words, *unless in case of emergency.*

Brother *McCune* gave notice of a proposed amendment to the Grand Constitution, so that the provision which now requires the payment of the whole amount of the fee (fifteen dollars) *before the initiation* of the candidate, be so altered as to allow subordinate Lodges the discretionary right of receiving the same in installments or otherwise, as their By-Laws may direct: *Provided*, that at least fifteen dollars shall be paid before the three degrees are conferred on any candidate.

On motion of Brother *Stanton*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the unanimous sense of this Grand Lodge, that a suspended member of a subordinate Lodge, is not chargeable with dues during the time of his suspension.

Brother *Burke* gave notice that he would move to amend the Grand Constitution, so that Lodges should be exempt from paying dues on Ministers of the Gospel, regularly ordained as such.

On motion of Brother *McCune*, the report of the committee on the subject of the appointment of a standing committee on Correspondence to act in vacation, was taken up; and, after being so amended as to make the committee consist of but *one* member, and that no act or report of the committee should bind the Grand Lodge further than the same should be subsequently confirmed,—the report was concurred in, and Brother A. W. Morris, of Indianapolis, was appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Hazelrigg*, the resolution on the subject of rescinding the resolution of 1818 (prohibiting the publication of expelled or suspended Masons) was taken up and amended, by adding—"*Provided*, that no publication shall be made within ten days after such sentence of suspension or expulsion, and that no appeal is taken within that time." The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.—(*Ayes*, 21; *Noes*, 15.)

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.—R. W., ISAAC BARTLETT, D. G. M., presiding.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, and in pursuance of a public notice, repaired to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in the presence of a large and respectable audience, the installation of its officers took place, in an imposing manner. P. G. M., Caleb B. Smith delivered the charge, most impressively; P. G. M., John B. Martin acting as Master of Ceremonies. After which, the audience and Brethren were addressed by Brother C. B. Smith, in a thrilling and eloquent manner, in defence of Masonry. (Brother Wallace, the Orator selected, being taken suddenly ill, could not attend.) The Grand Lodge then returned in procession to the Hall, and was called to labor again.

On motion of Brother *Crumbaugh*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to P. G. M., Caleb B. Smith, for his very able and appropriate Address; and that he be requested, if possible, to furnish a copy or synopsis thereof, for publication in the *Masonic Mirror*, published at Maysville, Ky.; and that the Grand Secretary procure one hundred copies of the number containing it, for distribution to the several Lodges and Grand Officers.

On motion of Brother *Stanton*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Methodist Episcopal Church, for their uniform kindness in opening their large house to us.

Resolved, That our thanks are tendered to the Indianapolis Band for their excellent music on this occasion.

Brother *Johnson* submitted the following as an amendment to the Grand Constitution, which lies over until the next Annual Grand Communication:

Resolved, That on the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, the clause of the Grand Constitution which provides for balloting for a site for the Grand Lodge, be repealed; and that from thenceforth, the Grand Lodge be permanently located at the City of Indianapolis.

Brother *Downey*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Since the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, there have been received Journals of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Kentucky, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, Virginia, North Carolina, Maine, Tennessee, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, Arkansas, Michigan, Florida, Iowa, Wisconsin and the Republic of Texas, and also communications from the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Michigan containing the names of the officers for the present year. The committee have been greatly gratified by the cursory examination which they have been able to give the documents before them,—gratified that other Grand Lodges have been so kind as to forward to us the valuable information contained in their proceedings,—more gratified to learn that nothing has occured, since our last Annual Communication, to mar or disturb the universal peace and harmony which has at all times pervaded the Brotherhood, and most gratified, that these proceedings bring intelligence of the onward march of Masonry, and that in our beloved Republic, from East to West, and between the North and the South are Masons to be found.

The committee have to make the too common excuse for the want of a more extended report on this subject, that the limited time allowed them, is entirely insufficient to enable them to examine, digest and report, even the more material and interesting parts of our foreign correspondence.

Kentucky.—The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of our sister State, Kentucky, show that the Craft in that State are in a sound and flourishing condition. We find in these Proceedings a short valedictory address from the M. W. Leander M. Cox, which, for high-toned morality, is not surpassed by anything before us. We can not refrain from making a short quotation from it: "Brethren, the official relation which I have borne to you for several years, passing through all the gradations, from Junior Grand Warden to the highest station known to the Order, has been dissolved by efflux of time, and I this day take my official leave of you, with whom I have so long associated with so much peace and harmony. Time, which has brought the close of my official labors, is hastening us all onward to the close of our earthly existence. When you next assemble in this Hall, you may not see my face, or if I should be permitted again to assemble with the Fraternity, many of you may have passed the bourne of time, from whence no traveler returns. We are all treading to the same destiny, and the grave must sooner or later be our resting place. But beyond the verge of this fleeting existence we expect to survive the corruption of the tomb, and then give an account to the All-wise Ruler of the Universe, for the manner in which we have discharged the duties he has imposed upon us in this life. Our Institution acknowledges this tribunal, and every true and trusty Brother

looks forward in anticipation of this day of final retribution. Let me, then, in view of the solemn realities of death, and a day of final judgment, impose upon you the solemn parting admonition, may it sink deep into the heart, and continue in the recollection of every Brother present;—that if we should never be permitted to meet each other again in this life, or to assemble in this Temple of virtue, we so conduct our steps and order our lives, as to be prepared to meet with joy and gladness in the Grand Lodge above." There appears to be one hundred and thirty-one Lodges under Charters and nine under Dispensation, working under the Grand Lodge of this State.

Ohio.—The printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, are full of subjects of general interest to the Craft. Besides the usual matter, they contain abstracts of the proceedings of the Conventions of 1808 and 1809 which formed the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Among the other subjects of interest, discussed, and which appears to have been by no means the least in interest was that of the "authenticity of the Holy Scriptures." This subject occupies a prominent part of the Grand Master's Address; and was referred to an appropriate committee. The report of that committee is but a reiteration of the sentiments of their distinguished Grand Master, and is full of interest. It ought to settle all controversy, if ever any existed among Masons on this subject. Although, from its great length, and the necessarily limited space, proper for this report, all of the report can not be inserted, yet we feel that the following extract is too beautiful, too just to be lost to the Fraternity of Indiana. It is as follows: "It is one of the oldest requisitions of the Fraternity, that no regular and well governed Lodge can be without a Bible. The Bible is held up to the candidate, on his initiation, as the first light in Masonry. He is told that it is the inestimable gift of God to man. His onward pathway, in its entire extent, is lighted up by its blessed precepts. The Faith, the Hope, the Charity, in which he is admonished to abound, is the Faith, the Hope, the Charity of the Bible. The star which shines from the center of one of the *three* ornaments of the Lodge, is the star which appeared to guide the wise men in the East to the place of the Savior's nativity. The two eminent patrons of the Order, to whom Christian Masons dedicate their Lodges, are the St. Johns of the Bible, the precepts of which they present as a wall of defence around about every Brother, within which he may walk securely and never materially err. No station in the Lodge is too high for the reach of the duties which the Bible enjoins. The Worshipful Master in the East must humbly bow to its authority. On him, as he is about to enter upon his arduous labors, is laid the obligation, weighty above all others, of a *diligent observance of the Holy Scriptures*, which he is instructed is to be a rule and guide to his faith. And, when sorrowing Brethren gather around the final resting place of the departed they mourn not as those without hope; the sprig of acacia tells of our ever verdant and bright land beyond the grave. The Lion of the tribe of Judah has vanquished the foe, and hope and consolation are imparted by the thoughts of that life and immortality which the Bible, and the Bible only, has brought to light. These are but a few of the many evidences that might be presented to show how essential is the Bible to the existence of Masonry. What then is Masonry without the Bible—the Bible acknowledged in the truth of its divine inspiration? It is the casket without the jewel. It is the body without the soul. It is the world without the sun; and what might be its value despoiled of this, its richest treasure and brightest ornament, would not be worth the trouble of a conjecture." In Ohio there were represented at the last Annual Communication fifty-eight Lodges under Charters, and

eight under Dispensations. Your committee can not resist the temptation to make a short extract from the very excellent Address of the M. W., William B. Thrall, Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, delivered at its last meeting, showing the condition of the Craft within the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge: "It affords me pleasure to be able to announce to you my belief, that the Order of Freemasonry now enjoys, throughout our country, and especially within our jurisdiction, an exemption from the malign influences of envy and detraction, in a degree rarely before experienced; that it is keeping pace with the onward progress of civilization and art, and gradually making its way into the favorable consideration of an unprejudiced and intelligent community. As evidence of this fact, individuals, "good men and true," are shaking off the lethargy of years, and earnestly casting about for the means of that innocent and social gratification which erst they enjoyed in the Lodge room. A recurrence to the mystical '*point within a circle*' awakens within them recollections, which, when once aroused, can not be repressed; and their hearts go forth in earnest desire for a Brother's welfare. Lodges which long since fell into listless suspense, are arousing themselves to active duty, and burnishing anew their jewels, which had become dim from long neglect and disuse. And new Lodges are springing into being in districts where hitherto our rites have been wholly unpracticed and unknown."

New York.—The Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York are in number one hundred and two. From the Address of the R. W., A. H. Robertson, Deputy G. M., of this Grand Lodge, we derive intelligence of the removal of their M. W. Grand Master from the terrestrial to the celestial Lodge above, and that he was but a short time previously anticipated by the departure of their Grand Treasurer, and within a few days followed by the two Past Grand Secretaries. It appears that there is some difficulty between the Grand Lodges of this State and Ohio, on the subject of the jurisdiction of their subordinate Lodges. Your committee can not admit into the report the correspondence on this subject, owing to its length; but they will say, that it seems to them most consonant with the principles of our Order that applications for membership should be made to the Lodge nearest to the residence of the applicant, as the members of that Lodge could best know his qualifications to become a Mason; so far as the Lodges of different States are concerned in this question, your committee think that the State line should be the boundary line of their jurisdiction. This appears to us to be the most definite and satisfactory manner of settling this question. It would at least, as a matter of courtesy, be the duty of the Lodge initiating an applicant from another jurisdiction, to know that he would be acceptable to the Brethren of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides.

Massachusetts.—The committee have before them the printed Proceedings of some of the quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The questions of the day interesting to Masons are ably discussed, and satisfactorily settled. There is nothing, however, in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge that appears to demand special notice from your committee. There are fifty-two Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

Virginia.—There appears to be one hundred and fifty-four Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, all in a thriving condition. This Grand Lodge refers to the difficulty between the Grand Lodges of Ohio and New York, but contents itself with propounding some questions, without giving any opinion on the subject.

North Carolina.—In the State of North Carolina, there are one hundred and eight Lodges. It appears to be the duty of the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge to examine the correspondence of the Grand Lodge in vacation and report such parts thereof as may be of importance to the Craft. They have also a committee on Foreign Correspondence appointed at each meeting, by which two means they are able to digest and publish much of the interesting intelligence in their possession. It is also the custom of this Grand Lodge to publish in their Proceedings, not only the names of the officers of each subordinate Lodge, but also of each of the members. Whether this is of any benefit or not, your committee can not say.

Maine.—Our distant Brethren in the State of Maine have kindly sent us a copy of the Proceedings of their Grand Lodge, held in January last. All is well there. Nothing of great moment was done by them at that meeting. There appears to be fifty-eight subordinate Lodges within the State.

Tennessee.—The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee show the Craft to be in a healthy condition within her borders. The number of Lodges appears to be one hundred and eight. The members of this committee are pleased with the good feeling manifested by this Lodge, toward the Grand Lodge of Virginia, on the subject of jurisdiction.

Maryland.—In the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland we find a great many good suggestions and recommendations; and also a very good report from a committee on Correspondence. The Lodges in this State number as high as eighty-six.

Connecticut.—The Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, was opened by a very able and interesting address from their M. W. Grand Master, in which he suggests the propriety of increasing the funds of each Lodge, and allowing every Brother, when sick or disabled, a weekly stipend as a matter of right, without being compelled to ask for it as a favor. He also speaks in commendable terms on the subject of temperance and submits to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, whether it would not be well "to silence their calumniators by the enactment of a By-Law prohibiting the use of any beverage, in the Lodges under their jurisdiction, which may be calculated, either in name or fact, to bring discredit on our profession." Your committee hope that the necessity for this recommendation is not generally felt in the Lodges under the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge. The advice is most certainly good, and could your committee believe that there was any necessity for it, they would recommend its adoption by this Grand Lodge as instructions to the Lodges working under her jurisdiction. These last two Grand Lodges of Maryland and Connecticut have adopted the course of appointing their committee on Foreign Correspondence at the meeting of the Grand Lodge next before they are to report. The number of Lodges in Connecticut is about seventy-five.

Rhode Island.—The only thing in the Journal of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, which is considered by this committee as worthy of very particular attention in this report, is their unqualified disapprobation of Grand Lodge Certificates "as a passport to the charities of the Institution." Your committee have thought proper to give the part of the report of the committee of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island on this subject, and also the resolution adopted. The committee in speaking of the National Convention held at the city of Baltimore, say: "Thirdly, the Convention has recommended the plan of issuing Grand Lodge Certificates to every Master Mason; but if this plan is to be not only a test of the moral character

and standing of a Brother, but also a necessary passport to the charities of the Institution, it appears to your committee that it would be entirely subversive of the principal landmarks of the Institution, and put to silence that universal language by which the needy and distressed Brother is known in every quarter of the habitable globe, without guaranteeing even a probability of success to the plan proposed, as the unworthy would be certain to avail themselves, by some means, of this new test of their moral and Masonic worth." While on this subject, your committee can not refrain from saying that they can see no great good that can arise from the use of Grand Lodge Certificates, nor any objection which can be made to Certificates from subordinate Lodges, that can not with equal force be made to Grand Lodge Certificates. Your committee hope that the day is yet far in the future, when a Brother's evidence of a right to the charities of the Order, shall rest only in paper or parchment. The Lodges in this little State number as high as nineteen.

New Hampshire.—There are twenty Lodges in the State of New Hampshire, as shown by their Grand Lodge Proceedings, all in a prosperous condition. We find nothing worth special notice in the Journal of her Proceedings.

Illinois.—In the Journal of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, we find one of the most able and interesting reports from their committee on Correspondence, which has been before us. It is enriched with many extracts from oriental and other documents. Its length and our want of time prevent us from making any extracts from it, but we do recommend its perusal to every Brother who can obtain it. The number of her Lodges is twenty-eight.

Missouri.—The Proceedings of the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, come to us containing 132 pages of matter of importance to the Fraternity. Not the least important of which is the establishment of a Masonic College for the education of the children of indigent and deceased Masons, with such others as the Grand Lodge may see fit to admit. The Grand Lodge of Missouri obtained a charter from the Legislature of that State, enabling her to hold a sufficient amount of real estate for the purpose, and to govern the Institution in her own way. The school opened on the 13th day of May last, and is reported to be in a thriving and prosperous condition. The efforts of our Brethren of Missouri are truly praiseworthy and commendable. There are about thirty Lodges in this State.

Mississippi.—The Journal of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi too, is a voluminous document, containing 116 pages. The Deputy Grand Master in his address to the Lodge informs them of the death of their M. W. Grand Master, and M. Rev. Grand Chaplain. The system of Masonic education adopted by the Grand Lodge of this State has not answered her expectations. The Deputy Grand Master propounded some questions to this Grand Lodge, which are not without interest. "Has a subordinate Lodge the right and power to expel its Master?" It appears that the Grand Senior Warden of that Grand Lodge was also Master of a subordinate Lodge in that State; for some reason not stated, the Lodge of which he was Master expelled him. The Deputy Grand Master is of opinion that the Lodge had not the power, and that the proper course would be by impeachment in the Grand Lodge. Another question is, "Would the loss of either of the three senses, feeling, seeing, hearing, bar a candidate from the degrees, or, as in a case referred to, would the loss of sight prevent his initiation?" The Deputy Grand Master comes to the conclusion, in answer to this question, "that a loss or partial deprivation of those physical organs which minister *alone* to the action of the *body* do not disqualify—but that the loss

of those upon which the mind depends for its ideas of external objects, certainly would." The Grand Lodge decided in conformity to the opinion of the Deputy Grand Master on the first question. As to the second, it was decided, that if a candidate was not so deformed as to prevent him from being instructed in the arts and mysteries of Masonry, it would be right to admit him. There appears to be forty-seven Lodges in this State.

Florida.—In Florida their are eight Lodges as appears by their Proceedings, which made returns to the Grand Lodge at its last Communication. At this Communication they had a public procession and installation of Grand Officers, and an oration delivered suitable for the occasion. Already they are making efforts to erect a Hall for the use of the Grand Lodge of that State.

Michigan.—There is before your committee a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and also a communication containing the names of the officers of that Grand Lodge elected on the 2d Wednesday in January last, under the new organization of that Grand Lodge. We are happy to say that this Grand Lodge is now properly organized, and has full jurisdiction over the Craft within the State of Michigan. The committee have no information as to the number of Lodges in this State.

Arkansas.—In the Arkansas Grand Lodge Proceedings we find nothing of general interest. The committee on Foreign Correspondence complain of encroachments on the jurisdiction of the Lodges within that State, but your committee have already noticed this question when speaking of the Grand Lodge of New York. There were but seven Lodges represented at the last meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Iowa.—Your committee have before them the Proceedings of the first Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Iowa, held at Iowa City in January last. It had four subordinate Lodges.

Wisconsin.—The report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Territory, contains a very good Address from the M. W. Grand Master, and an interesting report from the committee on Correspondence, on all the subjects of the day, in addition to a very full report of the proceedings of the Communication. She has eight subordinate Lodges.

Republic of Texas.—In the report of the Proceedings from the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas, it appears that there are fourteen Lodges working under her jurisdiction. This committee is pleased that the Grand Lodge of our sister Republic has been pleased to forward us a copy of its Proceedings, but we must, with many others, express our entire disapprobation of the course of this Grand Lodge, in working in Lodge on the *Sabbath* day. Your committee think it in violation of the principles of Masonry, and contrary to the express commands of our Grand Master, the great Artificer of the universe, as given to us in the law of Revelation.

Your committee have now gone over the documents which have been laid before them, and hope that they have chosen such parts thereof, as will be agreeable and interesting to the Brethren within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, for whose benefit the committee has extended this report to its present length. The committee, by way of recapitulation, beg leave to state, that they are satisfied that the number of Lodges given in each of the States are sometimes incorrect. Your committee had not the necessary information before them to enable them to arrive at the number

correctly, but the following will give some idea of the number of Lodges and of Masons within the States above referred to, together with our own: Ohio has 130 Lodges; New York, 102; Massachusetts, 52; Virginia, 154; North Carolina, 108; Maine, 58; Tennessee, 108; Maryland, 86; Connecticut, 75; Rhode Island, 19; New Hampshire, 20; Illinois, 28; Missouri, 30; Mississippi, 47; Florida, 8; Arkansas, 7; Iowa, 4; Wisconsin, 8; Indiana, 42; Michigan, say, 20. Making the whole number of Lodges, 1,106. This number being multiplied by twenty, the supposed number of Masons in each Lodge, on an average, will make the number of Masons 21,980.

Your committee have accompanied this report with no resolutions, nor have they seen any thing in our correspondence which seemed to require any action on the part of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, until to-morrow morning at eight o'clock. ISAAC BARTLETT, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

FRIDAY, May 30, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at eight o'clock, A. M. W. W., ISAAC BARTLETT, G. M., presiding.

On motion of Brother *Downey*, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, At the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, a Dispensation was issued to the members of "Mount Moriah Lodge," to hold a Lodge at Patriot, in Switzerland county; and whereas, said Lodge, for some reason, has not been represented at the present session of this Grand Lodge; and whereas, we are informed that the Brethren of that Lodge wish to continue working as a Lodge: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Dispensation of said Lodge be renewed, upon its application therefor to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and the payment to him of the ordinary costs and charges therefor.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Secretary forward to said Lodge, a copy of these resolutions at his earliest convenience; and that said Lodge inform him immediately, whether they wish a renewal of their Dispensation or not: *Provided*, that they pay to the Grand Secretary their dues for the past year, and present to him a copy of By-Laws not inconsistent with the laws of Masonry.

Brother *Martin*, from the committee to whom was referred the resolution in relation to returning to subordinate Lodges the amount of dues overpaid on members, etc., made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

After a careful examination of the subject, your committee find the following facts upon an examination of the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge from 1841 to the present time, to wit:

First—That in 1841, the dues for members of subordinate Lodges was reduced from seventy-five to fifty cents, by a resolution presented by Caleb B. Smith.

Secondly—That at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1842, Brother Menaugh introduced a resolution to increase the dues to seventy-five cents. This resolution, it appears, was left as unfinished business, and taken up at the

next Annual Communication, by the committee on Unfinished Business; which was reported upon, and indefinitely postponed. (See Proceedings of 1843.) But your committee, upon an examination of the written Journals, find that no such resolution as is set forth in the *printed* Proceedings (of 1843) ever was left as unfinished business; and that the committee reported upon a different resolution than the one set forth. Therefore, your committee are of the opinion, that the part of this report which sets forth the resolution of Brother Menaugh, is a missprint, as it does not agree with the written Journal.

Your committee, therefore, are of the belief that *seventy-five cents* is the legal dues for members of subordinate Lodges to this Grand Lodge.

On motion, Brother Ferry was appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency and policy of purchasing, or receiving by donation, a farm, to be used for the benefit of widows and orphans of the Fraternity; and report to the next Annual Grand Communication.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer, payable to Brother Samuel Reed, Grand Lecturer of Ohio, for an amount equal to the same *per diem* allowance received by representatives, also such reasonable sum as he may deem proper for his expenses during his sojourn in this place on the business of this Grand Lodge and in coming from and going to his home.

On motion of Brother *Smith*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges of this State be requested to engage the services of Brother Samuel Reed, Grand Lecturer of Ohio, upon such terms as they may be able to agree upon, to visit them and give such lectures and instructions as will enable them to work with facility, and in conformity to the ancient landmarks of the Institution.

Brother *Downey* offered for adoption the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved, That the State be districted, and a Lecturer be appointed for each,—to be paid by subordinate Lodges who may receive such Lectures.

Brother *Menaugh* proposed the following amendment to the Grand Constitution, which lies over until the next Annual Grand Communication:

That hereafter the annual dues from subordinate Lodges to this Grand Lodge, for each member, shall be *one dollar*.

On motion of Brother *Hazelrigg*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the *Masonic Mirror*, published at Maysville, Ky., by Brother B. D. Cruikshank, is a publication every way worthy of the patronage and attentive perusal of the members of the Fraternity within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, Brother Abner Bailey was allowed three dollars, for installing the officers of Mason Lodge, No. 48.

Brother *Bowen* offered for adoption the following resolution:

Whereas, Mount Olive Lodge, No. 48, at Delphi, did, on the 27th of May, 1845, expel George M. Maxwell for unmasonic conduct,—first, upon a charge of leaving his wife and children; secondly, for taking another man's wife with him: Therefore,

Resolved, That said Lodge have permission to advertise said George M. Maxwell

as an expelled Mason, in any newspaper or Masonic Magazine as to them may seem proper.

On motion of Brother *Chandler*, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It is very desirable to build a Grand Masonic Hall for the use of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana; and, for the purpose of purchasing a Lot, and of building said Hall,—therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary collect all the funds, debts, dues and demands (except Bank Stock) due this Grand Lodge, of every name and description, as soon as the same can be done with safety to said funds; and when so collected, that he pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer, whose duty it is hereby made to invest the same in Bank Stock for the use and in the name of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recommend to the several subordinate Lodges to open a subscription for the purpose of aiding to build said Hall.

Resolved, further, That it is recommended to the several Worshipful Masters of Lodges, that they solicit subscriptions from individual members of the Fraternity, for said fund; and that they send up to the next Grand Lodge such sums as they may collect, and such pledges for aid as they may obtain.

Brother *Donnellan*, from the committee appointed to inquire relative to the purchase of a Lot for a Grand Lodge edifice, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

Your committee have examined several pieces of property, and would recommend the purchase of the Lot of Morrison & Bates, lying immediately west of the Post Office,—as they understand it can be purchased for the sum of seven thousand one hundred and fifty dollars, on long credits. The buildings on the premises are worth two thousand dollars. In the event of the purchase, your committee would recommend the erection of the edifice on the west half, and the sale of the east half, as it is on that part the principal buildings are now situated. The committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brothers A. W. Morris, Isaac H. Roll and T. Donnellan be a committee to conditionally contract with Morrison & Bates for said property, or any other which they may prefer,—subject to the ratification of the next Grand Communication.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge a communication from Brother D. Kilgore, stating that pursuant to the order of the M. W. Grand Master, he had duly installed the officers of Winchester Lodge, No. 56; which was read and laid on the table.

On motion, Brothers Donnellan, Foster and Morris were appointed a committee to superintend and make all necessary arrangements for a Grand Lodge celebration on the fourth day of the next Annual Grand Communication; also, to select an Orator for the occasion; and report on the first day of the next Grand Communication.

Brother *Menaugh*, from the committee on Finance, made the following report—exhibiting the expenses of the present Annual Grand Communication, the names of the representatives and officers of the Grand Lodge, the different Lodges represented, and the sums accruing to each representative and officer,—and recommended that the same be audited and paid; which report was read and concurred in:

PAY-ROLL FOR THE OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, ETC., OF THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA, FOR 1845.

NAMES OF LODGES.	*Number.*	WHERE HELD.	*Distance.*	*Mileage.*	*Per diem.*	*Total.*	BY WHOM REC'D.
VINCENNES,	1	Vincennes,	120	$ 9.00	$ 7.50	$ 16.50	G. W. Wilkison.
UNION,	2	Madison,	90	7.50	7.50	15.00	F. Crumbaugh.
LAWRENCEBURG,	4	Lawrenceburg,	95	9.00	7.50	16.50	J. F. Crider.
CAMBRIDGE,	5	Cambridge Cit.	50	4.50	7.50	12.00	Geo. Whitman.
RISING SUN,	6	Rising Sun,	90	7.50	7.50	15.00	A. C. Downey.
PARKE,	8	Rockville,	65	6.00	7.50	13.50	P. Q. Stryker.
THORNTOWN,	9	Thorntown,	35	4.50	7.50	12.00	H. G. Hazelrigg.
NAPOLEON,	10	Napoleon,	60	4.50	7.50	12.00	D. Lindley.
GOSHEN,	12	Goshen,	130	12.50	7.50	21.00	E. Brown.
PALESTINE,	14	Bedford,	70	7.50	7.50	15.00	H. Davis.
WARREN,	15	Connersville,	65	6.00	7.50	13.50	C. B. Smith.
GOLDEN RULE,	16	Knightstown,	33	3.00	7.50	10.50	G. C. McCune.
HARRISON,	17	Harrison,	100	9.00	7.50	16.50	W. T. Hinkson.
ATTICA,	18	Attica,	75	6.00	7.50	13.50	J. P. Wamsley.
ST. JOHN'S,	20	Columbus,	40	4.50	7.50	12.00	Hugh Ferry.
SALEM,	21	Salem,	100	9.00	7.50	16.50	M. Coffin.
MONROE,	22	Bloomington,	55	4.50	7.50	12.00	A. Labertew.
CENTER,	23	Indianapolis,	.....	.....	7.50	7.50	T. Donnellan.
WEBB,	24	Richmond,	65	6.00	7.50	13.50	S. B. Stanton.
WAYNE,	25	Fort Wayne,	120	10.50	7.50	18.00	G. W. Johnson.
CHARITY,	30	Washington,	110	9.00	7.50	16.50	J. Calhoun.
TIPTON,	33	Logansport,	70	6.00	7.50	13.50	D. D. Pratt.
PERRY,	37	Lafayette,	65	6.00	7.50	13.50	E. Barrell.
CLARK,	40	Jeffersonville,	120	12.00	7.50	19.50	Daniel Trotter.
LAPORTE,	41	Laporte,	140	12.00	7 50	19.50	V. W. Bailey.
SPRINGFIELD,	43	Springfield,	75	7.50	7.50	15.00	J. D. Faucett.
ST. JOSEPH'S,	45	South Bend,	135	12.00	7.50	19.50	A. B. Ellsworth.
TEMPLE,	47	Greencastle,	40	4.50	7.50	12.00	C. G. Ballard.
MOUNT OLIVE,	48	Delphi,	65	6.00	7.50	13.50	D. W. Bowen.
MONTGOMERY,	50	Crawfordsville	45	4.50	7.50	12.00	M. D. Manson.
AURORA,	51	Aurora,	90	9.00	7.50	16.50	T. J. Bailey.
FRANKLIN,	52	Wilmington,	90	9.00	7.50	16.50	D. Fisher.
CHESTERFIELD,	53	Chesterfield,	50	4.50	7.50	12.00	G. H. Ballingall.
CLINTON,	54	Frankfort,	45	6.00	7.50	13.50	Z. B. Gentry.
BURNS,	55	Manhattan,	90	7.50	7.50	15.00	T. G. Bailey.
WINCAESTER,	56	Winchester,	90	9.00	7.50	16.50	B. McClelland.
WILLIAMSPORT, (U.D.)		Williamsport,	77	6.00	6.50	13.50	R. A. Chandler.
Grand Officers.							
Isaac Bartlett, D. G. M.,		Logansport,	70	6.00	7.50	13.50	Isaac Bartlett.
Johnson Watts, S. G. W.,		Dearborn,	100	9.00	7.50	16 50	Johnson Watts.
C. Schmidlapp, J. G. W.,		Madison,	90	7.50	7.50	15.00	C. Schmidlapp.
A. W. Morris, G. Sec'y,		Indianapolis,	.....	.....	7.50	7.50	A. W. Morris.
John Foster, G. Treas.,		Indianapolis,	.....	.....	7.50	7.50	John Foster.
J. L. Menaugh, S. G. D.,		Salem,	100	9.00	7.50	16.50	J. L. Menaugh
Lewis Burke, J. G. D.,		Lewisburgh,	75	6.00	7.50	13.50	L. Burke.
Sam'l Rooker, G. Tyler,		Indianapolis,	.....	.....	10.50	10.50	Samuel Rooker.
Indianapolis Band,		.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00	T. Donnellan.
Sexton of the Church,		.....	.....	.....	2 00	2.00	J. Dunn.
W. T. Hatch, for print.,		.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	W. T. Hatch.
Total,		.....	.....	$300.00	$354.50	$654.50	

The following statements, by the Grand Secretary, are appended in obedience to resolutions of the Grand Lodge, and are designed to show the

condition of the several funds of the Grand Lodge, and the objects to which they have been appropriated:

STATEMENT 1st.—Of the fund set apart for the purchase of Bank Stock under a resolution of the Grand Lodge of 1842. This fund consists of all moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and all balances or arrearages due from subordinate Lodges, and all loans not otherwise set apart, to-wit:

Bank Stock in the Indianapolis Branch,	$300 00
Loan to Lawrenceburg Lodge, in 1839,	10 00
Loan to Center Lodge, in 1839,	55 00
D. Kelso's defalcation as Grand Secretary,	115 75
Fund donated to Burge's heirs, in 1827, remaining in Wm. Marshall's hands,	200 00
Loan to Henry Hurst,	20 00
Loan to C. I. Hand,	8 00
Loan to the late P. G. M., Jonathan Jennings,	20 00
Loan to Union Lodge,	12 00
Loan to S. Noel,	5 00
Moneys retained in hands of J. S. Richardson, deceased, money collected,	11 50
In the Grand Treasury at close of 1844,	228 13
Probable balance of receipts over expenditures from G. L. dues of 1845,	200 00
The amount of dues from subordinate Lodges, per statement 2d,	142 00
(The following items with a view ultimately of converting them into a Grand Lodge fund, and by a resolution of the last Grand Lodge, to be collected during the present year, together with all other loans or debts due to the Grand Lodge, and the amount invested in Bank Stock subject to order of the Grand Lodge, to wit:)	
Loan to Tipton Lodge, in 1829,	54 00
Loan to Union Lodge, in 1829,	60 00
Loan to Wayne Lodge, in 1829,	60 00
Loan to Harmony Lodge, in 1829,	30 00
Loan to Lawrenceburg Lodge, in 1830,	64 00
Amount of sale of jewels to D. Kilgore,	27 50
Making the whole means of the Grand Lodge,	$1,622 88

Of this sum, not more than one thousand dollars can be relied on for use next year, should the Grand Lodge confirm the purchase of property to be made by a committee under a resolution of Grand Lodge at its present session, (1845).

The probable receipts this year (1845), will amount to about nine hundred and fifty dollars. The probable expenditures, including printing, pay of Grand Officers, and all incidental expenses, is seven hundred and fifty dollars.

STATEMENT 2d.—Of balance due from subordinate Lodges, and the years that the same were not represented,—prepared under a resolution of the Grand Lodge at its session of 1844:

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGES.	Balance due at close of 1845.	For what years not represented.	REMARKS.
Attica Lodge, No. 18,	$25 00	.....	Charter, 1845.
St. John's Lodge, No. 20,	20 00	.....	.....
Wayne Lodge, No. 25,	17 25	.....	Balance of 1843 and '44.
New Albany Lodge, No. 39,	20 75	1844–5	Balance of 1844 and all of '45.
Madison Lodge, No. 44,	10 00	1845	No return for 1845, dues estimated.
Delaware Lodge, No. 46,	20 00	1845	No return for 1845, dues estimated.
Clinton Lodge, No. 54,	4 25	.....	Balance of Charter 1844.
Winchester Lodge, No. 56,	25 00	.....	Charter, 1844.

No further business appearing for the action of the Grand Lodge, after prayer by the M. R. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana was closed in ample form.

ISAAC BARTLETT, *G. Master.*

Attest:—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, *G. Sec'y.*

CIRCULAR ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 31, 1845.

To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of ..... Lodge, No. ....., and to the Brethren residing within their jurisdiction:

BRETHREN:—The twenty-eighth session of the Grand Lodge of Indiana has just closed. In compliance with a resolution adopted at its twenty-sixth session, the following suggestions are addressed to your serious and candid consideration.

An unusually large number of Brethren from every part of the State were in attendance at the recent Grand Annual Communication, and were deeply, diligently and harmoniously occupied in the consideration of many important subjects. Having finished their business, they parted full of hope that their labors would be crowned with benefit to the Craft, and result in the further extension and spread of the blessings of Masonry.

The annual publication of our transactions will shortly be placed in your hands, and your attention is earnestly called to it. The reading of these minutes and of the Grand Constitution in open Lodge at intervals of three or four months, is strongly urged upon the presiding officers of the subordinate Lodges.

Brethren, permit me to recommend a punctual attendance by you on the stated and other meetings of the Lodge, and a strict conformity to the Grand Constitution and the By-Laws of your Lodge. Think not that your duty consists merely in meeting and going through certain ceremonies. These, though necessary, are the more immaterial parts of Masonry, and serve but as an entrance to her sublimer purposes. Study to understand her ancient laws, constitutions and charges, and how her affairs may be so administered as to advance best the benevolent purposes she has in view.

The frequent giving of Lectures in the Lodge room, on the several degrees of Masonry, is an exercise which I cannot too strongly urge upon you. It is only by an assiduous cultivation of this practice, that you can become well informed and bright Masons.

It affords me no small pleasure to be able to say, that the brightening prospects of the Fraternity are not confined to this State; all of our foreign communications agree in representing our cause as looking up every where,

in Europe as well as America. But cheering as is this intelligence, let it be remembered that it is only by strict adherence to the principles of Masonry, that we are to look for the spread and general diffusion of her blessings: let me enjoin upon you, therefore, in conclusion, the especial cultivation of charity and brotherly love, those two cardinal virtues of our Order. Then will your light so shine before men, that they seeing your good works, can not fail to admire that temple of virtue, whose foundation is Benevolence and Charity, and whose pillars are Wisdom, Strength and Beauty.

ISAAC BARTLETT,
Grand Master of G. L. of Indiana.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS,

YET IN FORCE, COLLECTED AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE GRAND LODGE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AND THE CRAFT GENERALLY.

In 1818,—It was resolved, that it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that it is improper for subordinate Lodges working under their authority, to publish the suspension or expulsion of any members, unless by order of this Grand Lodge.

In 1818,—It was resolved, that it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction ought to take cognizance of the conduct of sojourning Brethren, and to hear and investigate all charges which may be made against such Brethren, after citing them to appear and answer thereto, and to make a correct record of all such proceedings; a copy of which record, properly certified, ought to be referred to the Lodge of which the delinquent Brother is a member, for decision: *Provided*, such Lodge should be situated in either of the adjoining States; if it is not, then the Lodge ought to decide on the merits of the case, leaving the delinquent the right of an appeal as in other cases.

In 1818,—It was resolved, that any kind of gambling or betting, is considered unmasonic, and that the Grand Lecturer be requested to give the same in charge to the subordinate Lodges, that such as are guilty of it, be subject to admonition, suspension, and if no marks of reformation, expulsion.

In 1819,—In case of charges being presented against a Lodge for unmasonic conduct. The Grand Lodge received the charges, ordered notice to be given to the Lodge charged, by the Grand Secretary, with a copy of the charges, and the Lodge was cited to apper at the next Annual Grand Communication.

In 1820,—In the case where application was made at the door by a Master Mason, the only answer received was, that "the visitor could not be

admitted for causes known to the Lodge," the visitor at the same time being in good standing in his own Lodge. The committee reported, that the right to determine upon the propriety or impropriety of admitting or not admitting a visiting brother, is a prerogative which every regularly organized Lodge should possess; and if in the opinion of that Lodge there existed sufficient cause to reject the visitor, they had a right to do so—but that justice to the applicant should induce them to state in their records the cause of his not being admitted. *Jenkins* vs. *Zif Lodge, No.* 8.

In 1820,—It was resolved, that this Grand Lodge will not act upon any case of appeal to this Grand Lodge hereafter, unless they have all the evidence in writing had before the subordinate Lodge, together with the charges and specifications.

In 1821,—The following interrogatories were put by G. W. Johnson to the Grand Lodge:

1st, Can members of a Lodge petition to themselves for the establishment of a new Lodge? 2d, Can they vote upon their own petition? 3d, Can any other Lodge than the nearest one to the petitioners recommend a new Lodge? 4th, Will any other cause than that of a Lodge being too numerous to work with ease, convenience, and advantage, authorize a recommendation and establishment of a new Lodge?—

(*The answer to these interrogatories will be found on page* 77, *of this Edition.*)

In 1821,—It was resolved, that each subordinate Lodge has full and complete power over all those who may wish to become members of this Institution, who shall reside nearest such subordinate Lodge; and that no Lodge initiate any candidate who may reside nearer some other Lodge, without first notifying said Lodge, nearest which the candidate resides, of his petition, and ascertain of such Lodge whether they have any objection to the petitioner; and if said Lodge objects to the petitioner, it shall be the duty of the Lodge to which he petitions, to reject the same.

In 1822,—It was decided, that the Worshipful Master of a Lodge could not appoint a *proxy* to the Grand Lodge, without the concurrence of the Lodge over which he presided.

In 1822,—On the report of Jno. H. Farnham, of Posey Lodge, No. 9, the Grand Lodge decided, that after the infliction of a punishment prescribed by the Lodge for an offense committed by an offending Brother, (such as suspension for a given time,) that when the time expired, the offending Brother was immediately, without any further order of the Lodge being necessary, remitted to all his privileges as a Mason and member of the Lodge. See case of *Coburn* vs. *Lawrenceburgh Lodge, No.* 4, Proceedings of 1822.

In 1823,—It was resolved, that no Delegate representing a Lodge under Dispensation, has a right to be a member of any committee, until the return of said Lodge be examined and approved.

In 1823,—It was resolved, that it was improper for any regular Mason

to reside in the vicinity of any regular Lodge, without being a member thereof, provided he is of sufficient ability to pay his Lodge dues.

In 1823,—It was resolved to be highly improper for any Lodge subordinate to and working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to suspend or expel any member for the non-payment of dues, without notice to the member charged, where notice can be given, as in other cases of unmasonic conduct; and that all such Lodges be hereby instructed to expunge from their By-Laws any article which may be found inconsistent with this resolution.

In 1824,—It was deemed indispensably necessary that the proceedings of the subordinate Lodges should be signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary.

In 1824,—In the case of Alexander S. Burnett, it was resolved, that it is unmasonic for any Lodge working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to initiate any person applying for the same, when it shall be made known to such subordinate Lodge, that the applicant has been rejected by any other Lodge, without the consent and approbation of the Lodge by which he was rejected. See Proceedings of 1824.

In 1826,—It was resolved, by a vote of 20 to 5, that an expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason from a Chapter, be considered an expulsion from all the privileges of Masonry.

In 1826,—It was resolved, that a subordinate Lodge could not ballot for the initiation of a candidate, except at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

In 1828,—A circular letter was addressed by the Grand Master of Louisiana, propounding the two following important questions, to-wit:

1st, Is, or is not, the Grand Lodge of each State supreme within such State? 2d, Is it competent for the Grand Lodge of one of those States to institute Lodges within another State in which a regular Grand Lodge already exists?

In answer to which, it was resolved, by the Grand Lodge of Indiana, that each Grand Lodge is, and should be, and remain, supreme within its own State. That no other Grand Lodge should interfere with such exclusive privilege, or grant Dispensations or Charters within another State in which a Grand Lodge is regularly organized.

In 1828,—It was resolved, that it be recommended to the several Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, that they use their utmost influence to suppress the use of ardent spirits by members of the Fraternity and others, and that the several District Masters enforce by argument and *practice*, the morality and propriety of this step.

In 1828,—It was resolved, that the Master of each subordinate Lodge be required to read the Grand Constitution and the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge (of that year) within his Lodge to the members thereof, at least twice a year.

In 1829 —It was resolved, that no subordinate Lodge can make a condi-

tional surrender of its Charter, and that if it wishes to dispose of its personal property over and above what its dues to the Grand Lodge may amount to, it must be done before its Charter is surrendered, as upon the surrender, their tools, jewels, furniture, books and papers are forfeited of right to the Grand Lodge. Also it was resolved, that any subordinate Lodge, whether in arrears or otherwise, is authorized and empowered to voluntarily surrender its Charter to this Grand Lodge, or to the Grand Secretary thereof, in vacation, with or without payment of its arrears, and that the Grand Secretary is required to receive the same, and take posession of the jewels and other personal property belonging to such subordinate Lodge at the time of such surrender; provided an inventory thereof (if any) is transmitted at the same time to the Grand Secretary or Grand Lodge, as the case may be.

In 1838,—It was resolved, that the Grand Lodge retain the exclusive power to restore expelled Masons, upon such representation from the subordinate Lodge as may be satisfactory.

In 1839,—In the case of Center Lodge *vs.* C. I. Hand, it was settled that "in all cases of delinquencies in the payment of dues or absence from the Lodge, a Brother should be notified of the intention of the Lodge to proceed against him before any sentence should be passed upon him."

In 1839,—It was resolved, that Representatives of Lodges under Dispensation could not vote in Grand Lodge.

In 1840,—It was resolved, that the Grand Treasurer from time to time, as any surplus funds belonging to the Grand Lodge may come into his hands, invest the same in stock at the Branch Bank in Indianapolis of the State Bank of Indiana, to be taken in the name of the Grand Lodge; and all dividends accruing upon the same shall be invested in the same manner until otherwise directed, and said dividends shall be drawn in all cases by the Grand Secretary, and by him paid over as other funds.

In 1842,—The following was adopted as a supplement to the above: That the Grand Treasurer, after paying the expenses, shall deposit the residue in the Bank at Indianapolis, if *less* than would purchase one share of the stock of said Bank; and if *more*, then he shall be governed by the resolutions now in force relative to purchasing Bank Stock.

In 1840,—It was resolved, that no Lodge, subordinate to this Grand Lodge, shall permit any member of a lower degree than Master Mason to vote on any subject coming before the Lodge.

In 1842,—It was decided, that all labor or business, not specially pertaining to conferring the degrees and the necessary instructions of Entered Apprentice's and Fellow Craft's Lodges, below the degree of Master Mason, is unmasonic and highly injurious to the advancement of the true interest of Masonry, and that hereafter all subordinate Lodges under the

jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be directed to conform the labor of the respective degrees to matters especially pertaining thereto.

In 1842,—It was resolved, that subordinate Lodges be, and they are hereby *advised* to require from Brethren who are strangers and making calls upon their charity or fellowship, certificates of their good standing, emanating from the Lodges from which they hail and are known to be working under the authority of a legally constituted Grand Lodge.

In 1842,—It was resolved, that the subordinate Lodges be, and they are hereby expressly directed to require the fees for conferring the degrees, to be invariably paid in advance; and that in all cases, except of an officiating Clergyman, this resolution shall not be deviated from.

In 1842,—It was resolved, that when any member shall hereafter be suspended, *for any cause*, from the privileges of the subordinate Lodge of which he was a member, he shall be deprived of *all* the privileges pertaining to a Mason in all the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, until he shall be reinstated to full communion with the Lodge from which he was originally suspended.

In 1842,—It was resolved, that the Grand Secretary should place to the credit of such subordinate Lodges as those whose *dues paid in* were *less* than the fees allowed the representatives thereof, such difference; and as evidence of the same, that a certificate be granted of the fact—said difference or credit to be payable *only* out of any future dues received from such Lodges not otherwise disposed of.

In 1843,—It was resolved, that it be the duty of the M. W. Grand Master, whenever he may deem it will be beneficial to the Craft, to issue his Circular, calling the attention of the Craft to such matters as he may think necessary to advance the interests of the Fraternity.

In 1843,—It was resolved, that it is and always should be the duty of each subordinate Lodge, to have special meetings for the purpose of lecturing; and that they select some Brother, well skilled in Masonic sciences, to lecture at said meetings; and that, in all cases where they may not have a member or members qualified for the task, they invite some competent Brother from a neighboring Lodge for that purpose.

In 1843,—It was resolved, that it is highly unmasonic and improper for any subordinate Lodge to take notes from members for Lodge dues, or for initiation fees; and furthermore, it is improper for Lodges to loan their funds to individuals; that after the expenses of the Lodges and the proportion requisite for charity purposes are met, the remainder be invested in some site for building, or in suitable buildings or apparatus for the Craft.

In 1843,—It was resolved, that it is expected and absolutely required that the several Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, shall pay their dues promptly at each Grand Communication.

In 1843,—It was resolved, that whenever any Lodge shall cease to work

by order of the Grand Lodge, the individual or officer having charge or possession of the Charter of such suspended Lodge, shall immediately deliver said Charter to the Grand Secretary.

In 1843,—It was resolved, that it was improper for subordinate Lodges to install their officers by *proxy.*

In 1844,—It was resolved, that whenever any of the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, shall erect a neat and convenient Masonic Hall for their use, which shall not cost less than five hundred dollars under an economical expenditure, they shall be, and are hereby exonerated from the payment of all dues to this Grand Lodge, for the year in which said Hall may be erected.

In 1844,—It was resolved, that it be *recommended* to each subordinate Lodge to adopt By-Laws which shall prevent the initiation of a candidate in a less time than one month from the time of the filing of his petition; and also, that they will not confer more than one degree upon the same candidate in less than one month.

In 1845 (present session),—The above resolution was amended, so as to add thereto the words, *unless in cases of emergency.*

In 1844,—It was resolved, that each Lodge ought to pay the expenses of its installation.

In 1844,—The following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The excessive use of spiritous liquors as a beverage among many of our Brethren, has heretofore been the means of bringing a reproach upon Masonry; and whereas, the intemperate use of spirits is forbidden by Divine law and the rules of morality, and is therefore grossly unmasonic, and draws in its train a thousand vices which have a tendency to subvert the principles of our Order, and bring disgrace upon the Fraternity: It is

Resolved, By the Grand Lodge of Indiana, That we recommend to the subordinate Lodges throughout the State, the propriety of discountenancing, both by precept and example, the use of spiritous liquors as a beverage by Masons.

In 1844,—It was resolved, that no Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge, which shall, twice in succession, fail to elect its officers agreeably to its By-Laws, be permitted to hold another election or transact any business, without written permission from the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

LIST OF LODGES

Subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, from its organization, in 1818, *up to and including* 1845,—*with the names of their officers and number of members in* 1845, *so far as have been reported:*

VINCENNES Lodge, No. 1, at *Vincennes.*—B. F. Robinson, W. M.; Samuel Gochenour, S. W.; Cyrus W. Allen, J. W.; H. S. Burton, Sec.; John C. Heben, Treas.; J. B. Baird, S. D.; J. W. Emory, J. D.; Francis Soncerietter, Steward and Tyler. This Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge

of Kentucky, as "Vincennes Lodge, No. 15;" became subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 1818.

UNION Lodge, No. 2, at *Madison.*—Joseph Wilson, W. M.; Joseph C. Hite, S. W.; Seth Beers, J. W.; Frederick Crumbaugh, Sec.; Abraham Todd, Treas.; Caleb Schmidlapp, S. D.; Charles Woodward, J. D.; John D. Cowden, S. and Tyler. This Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, as "Union Lodge, No. 29;" became subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 1818.

BLAZING STAR Lodge, No. 3, at *Charlestown.*—No Return for 1845. This Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, as "Blazing Star Lodge, No. 36;" became subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 1818. In 1835, it was stricken from the list of Lodges; but reorganized, May 15th, 1845, under a resolution of the Grand Lodge of 1844.

LAWRENCEBURG Lodge, No. 4, at *Lawrenceburg.*—William V. Cheek, W. M.; William Heustis, S. W.; Heinrich Wedelstaedt, J. W.; John F. Richards, Sec.; Hiram H. Harding, Treas.; Moses Dart, S. D.; Oliver P. Ludlow, J. D.; Hugh Ferry, Tyler. This Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, as "Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 44;" became subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 1818.

PISGAH Lodge, No. 5, at *Corydon.*—Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, as "Pisgah Lodge, No. 45;" became subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 1818. In 1835 it was stricken from the list of Lodges, and its number subsequently given to—

CAMBRIDGE Lodge, No. 5, at *Cambridge City.*—Absalom Goodnough, W. M.; Jacob S. Fisher, S. W.; G. W. Whitman, J. W.; Ignacious O'Ferrell, Sec.; Merriman Straughan, Treas.; Samuel K. Bundy, S. D.; Benjamin Miller, J. D.; Thomas L. Hutton, Tyler. Number of members, 17; one initiation.

RISING SUN Lodge, No. 6, at *Rising Sun.*—John W. Hall, W. M.; Thos. H. Gilmore, S. W.; C. S. Horton, J. W.; Samuel F. Covington, Sec.; Daniel Tapley, Treas.; Alexander C. Downey, S. D.; James H. Pepper, J. D.; Maxwell Heuston and James M. French, Stewards; James T. Collins, Tyler. Number of members, 37; initiations, 6. In 1818, when the Grand Lodge of Indiana was organized, this Lodge was under Dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; and in 1820, it was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Indiana. In 1835, this Lodge was stricken from the list of Lodges, but revived again under its old Charter, in 1842.

VEVAY Lodge, No. 7, at *Vevay.*—Chartered in 1818. In 1829, its Charter was arrested; but in 1844, this Lodge was rechartered under its old number, as—

VERSAILLES Lodge, No. 7, at *Versailles.*—Johnson Watts, W. M.; Benjamin B. Carrington, S. W.; Volney J. Brockaway, J. W.; William John-

son, Sec.; John Hunter, Treas.; James Duncan, S. D.; James Myers, J. D.; Moses Sipper and Michael Fall, Stewards; Daniel C. Ingalls, Tyler. Number of members, 44; initiations, 19.

ZIF Lodge, No. 8, at *New Albany.*—Charted in 1819. In 1829, its Charter was arrested and it was stricken from the list of Lodges. Its number was subsequently given to—

PARK Lodge, No. 8, at *Rockville.*—Peter Q. Stryker, W. M.; John Briggs, S. W.; Seba H. Case, J. W.; J. B. Cornelius, Sec.; Charles Grant, Treas.; Joseph C. Smith, S. D.; Albert G. Coffin, J. D.; Aaron Griffin, Tyler. Number of members, 18; initiations, 11.

POSEY Lodge, No. 9, at *Jeffersonville.*—Chartered in 1819. In 1835, the Charter was arrested, and the Lodge stricken from the list of Lodges. Its number was afterward granted to—

THORNTOWN Lodge, No. 9, at *Thorntown.*—H. G. Hazelrigg, W. M.; A. W. Rowan, S. W.; Silas S. White, J. W.; Thomas P. Albertson, Sec.; Jesse L. Benson, Treas.; John Test, S. D.; Joseph D. Davis, J. D.; Jeremiah Tyson, S. and Tyler. Number of members, 12; initiations, 6.

OLIVE BRANCH Lodge, No. 10, at *Evansville.*—Chartered in 1819. In 1835, it was stricken from the list of Lodges, and its number subsequently given to—

NAPOLEON Lodge, No. 10, at *Napoleon.*—David Lindley, W. M.; John L McKason, S. W.; Aaron Culver, J. W.; Miles Mendenhall, Sec.; Henry Fishery, Treas.; John Hayden, S. D.; Seth E. Griggs, J. D.; Benjamin Hargrave and Gideon Cummings, Stewards; William P. Lamb, Tyler. Number of members, 20; initiations, 4.

HARMONY Lodge, No. 11, at *Brookville.*—Oliver M. Bartelow, W. M.; Jacob Lefforge, S. W.; Joel Bruning, J. W.; John Reynolds, Sec.; Thos. W. Colescott, Treas.; Elijah League, S. D.; John Bowlby, J. D.; George W. Kimble, Tyler. Number of members, 13; initiations, 3. This Lodge was under Dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as "Brookville Harmony Lodge, No. 41." It was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Indiana, in 1821.

SCOTT Lodge, No. 12, at *Lexington.*—Chartered in 1820. In 1829, they surrendered its Charter; and its number was subsequently given to—

GOSHEN Lodge, No. 12, at *Goshen.*—Azel Skinner, W. M.; George Parsons, S. W.; Ebenezer Brown, J. W.; George Taylor, Sec.; Alexander Van, Treas.; James Defrees, S. D.; H. Pearson, J. D.; Alexander Carr, Tyler. Number of members, 22; initiations, 10.

WASHINGTON Lodge, No. 13, at *Brownstown.*—Chartered in 1820. In 18—, the Charter of this Lodge was arrested. The Lodge was again restored to its previleges by the Grand Lodge in 1844, but its officers were not installed until after the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1845; consequently, no Return for 1845.

PALESTINE Lodge, No. 14, at *Bedford.*—Gustavus Clark, W. M.; Joseph Hostetler, S. W.; Henry Davis, J. W.; Matthew Borland, Sec.; Winthrop Foot, Treas.; Robert M. Carlton, S. D.; Lucien Q. Hoggatt, J. D.; John B. Buskirk, Tyler. Number of members, 13; one initiation. This Lodge was chartered in 1821, to hold its meetings at Palestine; but on removal of the county seat, they also removed the Lodge to Bedford. Its Charter was arrested in 1826, but subsequently restored.

WARREN Lodge, No. 15, at *Connersville.*—Philip Mason, W. M.; Robert G. Heidrick, S. W.; Joseph Nelson, J. W.; Elisha Vance, Sec.; Samuel Reese, Treas.; John Fahrner, S. D.; Henry Beitsell, J. D.; John Davis, Tyler. Number of members, 13; initiations, 2. This Lodge was chartered in 1821.

CLINTON Lodge, No. 16, at *Princeton.*—Chartered in 1821. In 1835, its Charter was arrested, and the Lodge stricken from the list of Lodges. Its number was subsequently given to—

GOLDEN RULE Lodge, No. 16, at *Knightstown.*—G. C. McCune, W. M.; George Davis, S. W.; J. B. Alsop, J.W. Number of members 12; initiations, 3.

JENNINGS Lodge, No. 17, at *Vernon.*—Chartered in 1821. In 1829, its Charter was surrendered; and its number is now held by—

HARRISON Lodge, No. 17, at *Harrison.*—William T. Henkson, W. M.; George Oyler, S. W.; Emanuel Withers, J. W. Number of members, 18; initiations, 7.

HIRAM Lodge, No. 18, at *Carlisle.*—Chartered in 1821. In 1835, its Charter was arrested, and it was stricken from the list of Lodges. Its number has since been given to—

ATTICA Lodge, No. 18, at *Attica.*—J. P. Wamsley, W. M.; Samuel Coleman S. W.; William Manlove, J. W.; E. Andrew, Sec.; William Taylor, Treas.; John Evans, S. D.; William J. LaRue, J. D., H. Young, Tyler. Number of members, 16; initiations, 9.

TERRE HAUTE Lodge, No. 19, at *Terre Haute.*—Chartered in 1821. In 1835, the Charter was arrested; but the Lodge was renewed, under a Dispensation issued in 1845.

SAINT JOHN'S Lodge, No. 20, at *Columbus.*—Francis Little, W. M.; Ephraim Arnold, S. W.; Henry Creamer, J. W.; D. B. Farington, Sec.; Hiram Wilson, Treas.; John M. Way, S. D.; John Matthews, J. D.; Martin Way, Tyler. Number of members, 17; initiations, 5. This Lodge was chartered in 1822. In 1835, its Charter was arrested, but restored again in 1843.

SALEM Lodge, No. 21, at *Salem.*—Marmaduke Coffin, W. M.; Argus B. Clark, S. W.; John McMahon, J. W.; John L. Menaugh, Sec,; Townsend Culstand, Treas.; James Baxter, S. D.; Elijah Gossett, J. D.; Samuel L. Brown, S. and Tyler. Number of members, 17; one initiation. This

Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, as "Salem Lodge, No. 43," and continued its relation to said Grand Lodge, until 1822, when it received a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

BLOOMINGTON Lodge, No. 22, at *Bloomington.*—Chartered in 1822. In 1835, its Charter was arrested; in 1840, a new Charter was granted, and it is now—

MONROE Lodge, No. 22, at *Bloomington.*—G. W. Hardin, W. M.; M. L. Deal, S. W.; A. Labertew, J. W.; G. W. Moore, Sec.; E. P. Farmer, S. D.; E. C. Jones, J. D. Number of members, 9; initiations, 2.

CENTER Lodge, No. 23, at *Indianapolis.*—Thomas Donnellan, W. M.; William C. Johnson, S. W.; Isaac H. Roll, J. W.; Abraham Bird, Treas.; Charles Fisher, Sec.; Ephraim Colestock, S. D.; James Greer, J. D.; Enoch Pyle, Tyler. Number of members, 40; initiations, 7. This Lodge was chartered in 1824. In 1834, its Charter was surrendered; and in 1835 a new Charter granted.

WEBB Lodge, No. 24, at *Richmond.*—William Smith, W. M.; Lewis Burke, S. W.; Stephen B. Stanton, J. W.; James M. Poe, Sec.; James King, Treas.; Aaron Beard, S. D.; Patrick Wade, J. D.; Charles O'Hara, Tyler. Number of members, 12; initiations, 6. This Lodge was chartered in 1823, to hold its meetings "at Centerville and Richmond alternately." In 1832, its Charter was surrendered, and a new Charter granted for a Lodge at Richmond, as at present.

WAYNE Lodge, No. 25, at *Fort Wayne.*—Charles E. Sturgess, W. M.; Joseph Scott, S. W.; Richard McMullin, J. W.; George Johnson, Sec.; Peter Keyser, Treas.; Henry Rudisill, S. D.; John Grimes, J. D.; William Stewart, Tyler. Number of members, 22; initiations, 2. This Lodge was chartered in 1823.

HINDOSTAN Lodge, No. 26, at *Hindostan.*—Chartered in 1824. In 1829, its Charter was arrested; and in 1833, it was stricken from the list of Lodges.

SOLOMON'S Lodge, No. 27, at *Madison.*—Chartered in 1825. In 1829, its Charter was arrested, and it was stricken from the list of Lodges.

LAFAYETTE Lodge, No. 28, at *Shelbyville.*—Chartered in 1825. In 1835, this Lodge was stricken from the list of Lodges, but revived again in 1845. Hitherto, this Lodge held its meetings at Shelbyville and Hanover, alternately

CLAY Lodge, No. 29, at *Petersburg.*—Chartered in 1825. In 1833, this Lodge was stricken from the list of Lodges.

CHARITY Lodge, No. 30, at *Washington.*—John Vantrees, W. M.; John Henry, S. W.; Samuel A. Radamell, J. W.; William C. Elliott, Sec.; Joseph Warner, Treas.; Isaac Cramer, S. D.; Thomas Reily, J. D.; Melville Bassett, Tyler. Number of members, 13; one initiation. This Lodge was chartered in 1826. In 1833, it was stricken from the list of Lodges; but revived again in 1843.

JEFFERSON Lodge, No. 31, at *Hartford.*—Chartered in 1827. In 1835, it was stricken from the list of Lodges, and its number subsequently given to—

MOORESHILL Lodge, No. 31, at *Mooreshill,* in Dearborn county.—No Return for 1845.

HAMILTON Lodge, No. 32, at *Noblesville.*—Chartered in 1828. In 1835, this Lodge was stricken from the list of Lodges.

TIPTON Lodge, No. 33, at *Logansport.*—Daniel D. Pratt, W. M.; David B. Coulson, S. W.; Robert Edwards, J. W.; George P. Clem, Treas.; Isaac Bartlett, Sec.; John Green, S. D.; William L. Ross, J. D.; John Goodrich, S. and Tyler. Number of members, 21. This Lodge was chartered in 1828.

WESTERN STAR Lodge, No. 34, at *Clinton.*—Chartered in 1826. In 1831, its Charter was surrendered, and its number subsequently given to—

VERMILLION Lodge, No. 34, at *Eugene.*—No Return for 1845.

LIBERTY Lodge, No. 35, at *Liberty.*—Chartered in 1328. In 1835, its Charter was arrested.

PHILANTHROPIC Lodge, No. 36, at *Princeton.*—Chartered in 1828. In 1835, it was stricken from the list of Lodges.

PERRY Lodge, No. 37, at *Lafayette.*—John Taylor, W. M.; James L. Scott, S. W.; John B. Michaels, J. W.; Francis G. Kendall, Treas.; Edward Barrell, Sec.; Daniel Rhein, S. D.; William Armstrong, J. D.; Joel M. Spiller, Tyler. Number of members, 70; initiations, 30. This Lodge was chartered in 1830. In 1835, it was stricken from the list of Lodges, but revived again in 1843.

JERUSALEM Lodge, No. 38, at *Bethlehem,* in Clark county.—Chartered in 1830. In 1833, it was stricken from the list of Lodges.

NEW ALBANY Lodge, No. 39, at *New Albany.*—Alfred S. Rager, W. M; David Byrne, S. W.; David Wilkinson, J. W.; Henry W. Smith, Sec.; Wm. Love, Treas.; Jesse Durnell, S. D.; Hezekiah Beeler, J. D.; John Armstrong, Tyler. Number of members, 23. This Lodge was chartered in 1834.

CLARK Lodge, No. 40, at *Jeffersonville.*—Henry French, W. M.; Daniel Trotter, S. W.; John Mitchell, J. W.. H. W. Heaton, Treas.; Thomas Wilson, Sec.; Levi Sparks, S. D.; William Hart, J. D.; B. C. Pyle, Tyler. Number of members, 15. This Lodge was chartered in 1835.

LAPORTE Lodge, No. 41, at *Laporte.*—Volney W. Bailey, W. M.; Thos. A. Stewart, S. W.; William D. Shuniway, J. W.; Abner Bailey, Treas.; Thomas D. Lemon, Sec.; John W. Coffeen, S. D.; Thomas Farlow, J. D.; Jacob P. Andrew, Tyler. Rev. William Andrew, Chaplain. Number of members, 16; initiations, 3. This Lodge was chartered in 1838.

MORNING STAR Lodge, No. 42, at *Rushville.*—Chartered in 1839. No Return for 1845.

SPRINGFIELD Lodge, No. 43, at *Mount Carmel,* in Franklin county.—M. V. Simonson, W. M.; Andrew Caldwell, S. W.; Levi Ayers, J. W.;

Judah Hinkley, Treas.; D. D. Frazee, Sec.; Josiah G. Scoby, S. D.; John Faucett, J. D.; Alexander Lackey, Tyler. Number of members, 21; initiations, 10. This Lodge was chartered in 1841, and originally held its sessions at Laurel, in Franklin county.

MADISON Lodge, No. 44, at *Pendleton.*—Chartered in 1842. No Return for 1845, and not represented.

SAINT JOSEPH'S Lodge, No. 45, at *South Bend.*—Jacob Hardman, W. M.; Columbus Wheeler, S. W.; William L. Barrett, J. W.; A. B. Ellsworth, Sec.; Louis Comparet, Treas.; Jonathan Hopkins, S. D.; D. O. Updegraff, J. D.; Lyman McUmber, Steward; John Mack, Tyler. Number of members, 36; initiations, 7. This Lodge was chartered in 1842.

DELAWARE Lodge, No. 46, at *Muncietown.*—Chartered in 1843. No Return for 1845.

TEMPLE Lodge, No. 47, at *Greencastle.*—C. G. Ballard, W. M.; Samuel Dicks, S. W.; W. M. C. Blake, J. W.; Lewis H. Sands, Sec.; H. P. Walker, Treas.; W. J. Burns, S. D.; D. Sigler, J. D.; C. Keeper, Tyler. Number of members, 38; initiations, 18. This Lodge was chartered in 1843.

MOUNT OLIVE Lodge, No. 48, at *Delphi.*—Daniel L. Shoup, W. M.; Alexander M. Berry, S. W.; A. H. Bowen, J. W.; James P. Dougan, Sec.; James Withrow, Treas.; W. H. Beauford, S. D.; T. C. Hughes, J. D.; Jacob Linkhour, Tyler. Number of members, 23; initiations, 2. This Lodge was chartered in 1843.

MASON Lodge, No. 49, at *Valparaiso.*—Chartered in 1843. No Returns for 1845.

MONTGOMERY Lodge, No. 50, at *Crawfordsville.*—Mahlon D. Manson, W. M.; G. W. Huggins, S. W.; T. W. Webster, J. W.; John M. Wadring, Sec.; Jacob Winn, Treas.; Benjamin Galey, S. D.; J. D. Masterson, J. D.; A. Moore, Tyler. Number of members, 39; initiations, 9. This Lodge was chartered in 1844.

AURORA Lodge, No. 51, at *Aurora.*—Thomas J. Bailey, W. M.; Matthew B. Steel, S. W.; John C. Power, J. W.; Frederick Hoff, Sec.; James Cummings, Treas.; James G. Hunter, S. D.; John B. Durbin, J. D.; Stephen Green, S. and Tyler. Number of members, 34; initiations, 10. This Lodge was chartered in 1844.

FRANKLIN Lodge, No. 52, at *Wilmington.*—Justus M. Cure, W. M.; David Denham, S. W.; John P. Walker, J. W.; Benjamin P. Nelson, Sec; Reuben Rogers, Treas.; John B. Powell, S. D.; John Perry, J. D.; Joshua Hancock and Sylvester Walker, Stewards; Sylvester Walker, Tyler. Number of members, 36; initiations, 10. This Lodge was chartered in 1844.

CHESTERFIELD Lodge, No. 53, at *Chesterfield,* in Madison county.—G. H. Ballingall, W. M.; James F. Williams, S. W.; James R. Noland, J. W.; R. N. Williams, Sec.; Jacob Shimer, Treas.; George W. Godwin, S. D.;

Simeon Landry, J. D.; William Scott, Tyler. Number of members, 14; initiations, 3. This Lodge was chartered in 1844.

Clinton Lodge, No. 54, at *Frankfort.*—Z. B. Gentry, W. M.; I. G. Choat, S. W.; N. T. Catterlinn, J. W.; C. P. Pence, Sec.; David Parker, Treas.; James W. Johnston, S. D.; John A. Hazzard, J. D.; Robert M. Waters, Tyler. Number of members, 13; one initiation. This Lodge was chartered in 1844.

Burns Lodge, No. 55, at *Manchester.*—Thomas J. Bailey, W. M.; Lewis B. Conger, S. W.; Hiram L. Bailey, J. W.; Thomas H. Milburn, Sec.; Nathan Pettegrew, Treas.; Isaac Morris, S. D.; William Gibson, J. D.; Sebastian Streigel, and Salmon T. Warren, Stewards; Judah Freeman, Tyler. Number of members, 18; initiations, 6. This Lodge was chartered in 1844.

Winchester Lodge, No. 56, at *Winchester.*—Beattie McClelland, W. M.; Jacob Eltzroth, S. W.; Josiah Bundy, J. W.; John Neff, Sec.; Edward Edgar, Treas.; Isaac F. Wood, S. D.; James C. Bowen, J. D.; Jesse Beeman, Tyler. Number of members, 16; initiations, 3. This Lodge was chartered in 1844.

Williamsport Lodge, (U. D.), at *Williamsport.*—R. A. Chandler, W. M.; Lazarus Miller, S. W.; James H. Buell, J. W. Number of members, 7. Dispensation issued in 1844.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

ADOPTED DECEMBER 25th, 1833.

MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AND THEIR RANK.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Past Masters who have presided over Lodges, the Masters of subordinate Lodges, and the representatives or proxies of said Lodges; all of whom must be Master Masons and members of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be and rank as follows:—Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Visitors, seven in number, Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lecturer, Most Reverend Grand Chaplain, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Steward, and Grand Tyler; each of whom shall be elected annually, on the third day of each Annual Communication, and at no other time, except in case of great emergency, except, also, the Grand Visitors, who shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. No person shall be elected a Grand Officer, unless he be a Master Mason, and a member of a Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge, and entitled to a seat in the same; and every such officer, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall be duly installed.

SEC. 4. Immediately after the election of Grand Officers, the Grand Lodge shall designate by ballot, the site for the next annual meeting.

JURISDICTION, AND DUTIES OF GRAND LODGE.

SEC. 1. The jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be co-extensive with the State of Indiana, and no farther: *Provided* there be no Grand Lodge in any adjoining State or Territory; and then this jurisdiction may there extend.

SEC. 2. The Grand Lodge shall receive appeals, redress grievances, settle complaints of the subordinate Lodges and their members, reprehend malconduct in the subordinate Lodges, and in the members of the Grand Lodge; and shall hold such correspondence with other Grand Lodges as may be deemed expedient to advance the good of Masonry, and it may

grant Charters and Dispensations, authorizing new Lodges to work: *Provided*, that no Dispensation shall be granted to a less number of Master Masons than seven, and then only upon the recommendation, under seal, of some regularly authorized Lodge.

Sec. 3. The Grand Lodge shall adopt its own rules of doing business, so they be not inconsistent with this Constitution, and meet agreeably to its own adjournments. It shall hold at least one session annually; all its other meetings shall be denominated *special.*

Sec. 4. Immediately upon the adoption of the Constitution, the Grand Lodge shall proceed to divide the State into seven districts, which shall be designated in numerical order; it shall elect a Grand visitor within each district, who, in the sixth and seventh districts, shall be elected to serve for one year; in the second and fourth, for two years; in the first, third and fifth, for three years; and after the first election, they shall be elected, as the offices severally become vacant, for the term of three years, and at the same time other Grand Officers are elected: *Provided*, that the Grand Lodge may, from time to time, make such additional districts as it may think proper, and elect within each new district a Grand Visitor, whose term of service shall be designated.

Sec. 5. The Grand Lodge shall assess reasonable contributions on the subordinate Lodges for sustaining the Grand Lodge fund, and for other exigencies.

Sec. 6. The Grand Lodge shall not, unless for gross unmasonic conduct, suspend or arrest the Charter of any Lodge, without giving at least six months' notice of such intention; and then if the offending Lodge comply with the requisitions of the Grand Lodge, all further proceedings shall be stayed.

Sec. 7. Each Grand Officer and member of the Grand Lodge shall pay due respect to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and conform himself to the ancient usages of the Craft; every member of the subordinate Lodges shall also pay due respect to their respective officers and to Masons generally; and if any Brother feels himself aggrieved by the decision of the subordinate Lodge, in any case, he may appeal from such decision to the Grand Lodge.

ELECTIONS.

Sec. 1. Elections and all matters of controversy, shall be determined by a majority of all the votes present, the Grand Master, or person presiding, having one vote, and in case of a tie, he shall have two; the Deputy Grand Master, one; the Grand Visitors, collectively, one; the Grand Wardens, jointly, one—but in case a Warden declines voting or is absent, then the power of voting shall devolve upon the other; The Past Grand Officers, collectively, one; and the Past Masters, collectively, one; and each Lodge represented, one. But no Brother shall be allowed to vote in a double

capacity, or have more than three votes in any capacity whatever: *Provided*, that each member of the Grand Lodge shall be entitled to vote on questions of order and propriety.

SEC. 2. All elections shall be by ballot, and the votes shall be collected by the Grand Senior Deacon, as the names of the voters are called off by the Grand Secretary, who shall observe rank and seniority, commencing with the Grand Master. If any irregularity occurs, the person presiding shall order a new election; and if any member be convicted of willfully producing such irregularity, he shall be forever suspended from a seat in the Grand Lodge.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to attend and preside over all meetings of the Grand Lodge; preserve order, and put all questions and motions made and seconded; decide all questions of order—which decision shall be subject to an appeal to the Grand Lodge; sign the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, when properly drawn up, read and agreed to by a majority of the votes present; fill any office that may become vacant in the Grand Lodge—which appointment shall continue until the next annual election; and to install the officers of the Grand Lodge, and the officers of the subordinate Lodges: *Provided*, that he may require the Grand Visitors to install any or all of the aforesaid officers, except the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens. And he shall have, during the recess of the meetings of the Grand Lodge, general superintendence of the Craft; grant Dispensations for new Lodges; and convene the Grand Lodge in any case of emergency.

SEC. 2. Further, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master to appoint all committees; and at the commencement of each Annual Communication, to appoint the following standing committees:

1. A committee of three members, representatives from three subordinate Lodges, to examine the books and papers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and to ascertain the expense of the Annual Communication.
2. A committee of three, to hear and investigate grievances.
3. A committee of two, to examine attending and visiting Brethren, admitting none but of the Masters' degree.
4. A committee of two, on unfinished business.
5. A committee of three, on foreign communications.
6. A committee of three, on claims.

All committees shall make due reports to the Grand Lodge, on the subjects submitted to their consideration.

SEC. 3. At any meeting, in case of the absence of the Grand Master, or should the office of Grand Master became vacant at any time, the duties of his office shall devolve on the other officers in the following order: On the Deputy Grand Master; on the Senior Grand Warden; on the Junior Grand Warden; on the Grand Visitors, according to seniority; on the Past Grand

Officers, according to rank; on the Masters of subordinate Lodges, according to seniority.

GRAND SECRETARY.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge, either personally or by agent, to keep a fair record of its proceedings, and furnish a copy of the same for publication when required. He shall receive all moneys due or donated to the Grand Lodge, and enter all such moneys in a book to be kept by him for that purpose; he shall pay over all of the aforesaid moneys to the Grand Treasurer made by the Grand Lodge, and enter all such orders in a book to be kept by him for that purpose.

SEC. 2. The Grand Secretary shall keep a book in which he shall enter the time each Dispensation, Charter or warrant was granted to any Lodge, and the names of the officers contained in each Dispensation, Charter or warrant issued as aforesaid, and procure all books and stationery necessary for himself or for the Grand Lodge; and he may draw, by his own order, on the Grand Treasurer for the moneys so expended.

SEC. 3. The Grand Secretary shall receive and transmit all foreign communications, communications and Returns from subordinate Lodges; and shall, from time to time, lay the same before the Grand Lodge; he shall keep all books, jewels, charts, furniture, and all other property of a personal nature, (money excepted), belonging to the Grand Lodge; he shall, on the second day of each Annual Communication, report a clear and succinct account of all moneys in his hands, and all moneys paid over, all orders drawn on the Treasurer, and all moneys due from each subordinate Lodge, specifying the years for which the same are due, and the length of time any subordinate Lodge may not have been represented.

SEC. 4. The Grand Secretary shall keep the seal of the Grand Lodge, and affix the same to all papers, documents and communications proper to be sealed; he shall certify the same, and be entitled to receive the sum of fifty cents for affixing the seal to any paper or copy of a record, and ten cents for each one hundred words such paper or copy of a record may contain, to be paid by the person or persons applying for the same; he shall be entitled to receive three dollars for making out, entering and affixing the seal to each Dispensation, Charter or warrant, to be paid by the Lodge receiving the same; and he shall be entitled to receive six and one-fourth cents for every one hundred words in making up the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and six and one-fourth cents for each order drawn on the Grand Treasurer, to be paid out of the Grand Lodge funds.

SEC. 5. It shall be the further duty of the Grand Secretary, to pay and hand over to his successor in office, all moneys, books, papers, charts and jewels, and property of any description, remaining or being in his hands as Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

SEC. 6. No person shall be eligible to the office of Grand Secretary, for more than two years out of every three.

GRAND TREASURER.

SEC. 1. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Grand Secretary, giving his receipt for the same; he shall enter the amount of money so received in a book to be kept by him for that purpose; he shall pay to the order of the Grand Secretary any moneys in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge, and enter the same in a book to be kept by him for that purpose; and on the second day of each Annual Communication, he shall make a clear and succinct report of all the moneys in his hands, as Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and the amount received, and the amount disbursed.

SEC. 2. It shall be the further duty of the Treasurer to pay and hand over to his successor in office, all books and moneys, remaining in his hands as Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

SEC. 3. No person shall be eligible to the office of Grand Treasurer, for more than two years out of every three.

DUTIES OF GRAND VISITORS.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of each of the Grand Visitors to visit each and every Lodge within his district, once in each year, and examine its workings, books and papers, and give such instructions for its work as he may deem necessary, and if detained more than one day at any one Lodge, the Lodge so detaining him shall pay the expense of such detention.

SEC. 2. The Grand Visitors shall have, under the direction of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master, the general superintendence of all the Lodges within their respective districts. It shall be the further duty of each Grand Visitor to attend each meeting of the Grand Lodge; and he shall, on the first day of each Annual Communication, make a clear and full report of each Lodge, and the situation of the Craft generally, within his district.

DUTY OF THE GRAND LECTURER.

SEC. 1. The Grand Lecturer shall have a general superintendence of the lectures, and when called on for that purpose, shall give a lecture to the Grand Lodge and to the Grand Visitors.

DUTY OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SEC. 1. Each subordinate Lodge shall be represented in the Grand Lodge, at least once in every three years, or be liable to have its Charter arrested; and each subordinate Lodge shall pay, or cause to be paid, to the Grand Secretary, annually, on or before the Annual Communication, the amount of its dues to the Grand Lodge, or be liable to the aforesaid penalty.

Sec. 2. No subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to a vote in the Grand Lodge, until its debts to that Body shall have been settled and paid to the Grand Secretary, unless excused by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 3. Each and every association of Masons receiving a Charter, authorizing them to work, shall, before receiving such Charter, pay into the Grand Lodge fund, twenty-five dollars, also three dollars to the Grand Secretary. And every association of Masons who may receive a Dispensation authorizing them to work as a Lodge, shall pay to the Grand Secretary, before receiving the same, the sum of three dollars.

Sec. 4. Each subordinate Lodge, whether working under a Dispensation or Charter, shall pay annually into the Grand Lodge fund for each initiation for the preceding year, the sum of two dollars, and for each member of the Lodge, the sum of seventy-five cents: *Provided*, that the Grand Lodge may hereafter reduce the fee for membership to fifty cents.

Sec. 5. In case the Charter of any Lodge be forfeited by the provisions of this Constitution, and said Lodge is stricken, by order or resolution of the Grand Lodge, from the list of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, the jewels and furniture of any such Lodge, shall become the property of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 6. No Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge, shall confer the first three degrees of Masonry, for a less sum than fifteen dollars; and that shall be paid before the first degree is conferred.

COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF GRAND LODGE.

Sec. 1. Each Grand Visitor, and the Grand Lecturer, shall receive as a compensation for his services, for each day he may be necessarily employed in attending to any duties enjoined upon him by this Constitution, except in making out reports, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per day, to be paid out of the Grand Lodge fund. Each officer of the Grand Lodge shall receive one dollar and fifty cents per day in going to, attending to, and returning from the Grand Lodge, to be paid out of the Grand Lodge fund. And each subordinate Lodge that may be represented in the Grand Lodge (unless said Lodge be represented by proxy, or by one of the Grand Visitors, or by a Grand Officer), shall be entitled to a credit for one representative on the Grand Secretary's books, in the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per day for each day such representative is necessarily employed in going to, attending to, and returning from the Grand Lodge. The Grand Tyler shall receive two dollars per day, for his services in the Grand Lodge.

NO AMENDMENT.

No amendment to this Constitution or to any By-Law shall be made, unless the same be moved, seconded, and lay over one entire vacation of the Grand Lodge.

RULES OF ORDER

ADOPTED BY THE

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA,

AT THE SESSION OF 1833.

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1. This Grand Lodge shall meet at the hour on each day, on which it shall have been previously called or adjourned to; and after it shall have been opened, the register of its proceedings on the preceding day, shall be read.

2. After the register of proceedings is read, petitions shall be called for by the M. W. Grand Master; next, reports of standing committees; and lastly, reports of select committees.

3. The M. W. Grand Master may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, unless he shall deem it proper to submit the same to the decision of the Grand Lodge.

4. The M. W. Grand Master shall appoint all committees.

5. The Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, and representatives of subordinate Lodges, shall each have seats assigned them by the M. W. Grand Master, according to rank and seniority.

6. When the Grand Lodge adjourns, all the officers and members shall seat themselves in their respective places, until the M. W. Grand Master shall go forth, and then they may follow.

7. When a Brother rises to speak, he shall respectfully address himself to the "Most Worshipful Grand Master;" and if he transgresses the rules of the Grand Lodge in speaking or otherwise, the M. W. Grand Master shall call him to order; and he shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain.

8. No Brother shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave; nor more than once, until every other Brother choosing to speak has spoken. And when two or more shall rise at the same time to speak, the M. W. Grand Master shall name the Brother who shall speak first.

9. While the M. W. Grand Master is addressing the Grand Lodge, or putting a question, or a Brother is speaking, no Brother shall entertain any private discourse, nor pass between the speaker and the Chair.

10. No Brother shall vote on any question, where he is particularly or personally interested, nor when he is not present when a question is first

put; nor shall there be any debate after the question is put by the M. W. Grand Master.

11. Every Brother having a right to vote, who is present when a question is put, shall vote unless for special reasons, he shall be excused.

12. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Grand Master, or being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair and read aloud by the Secretary, before debate.

13. Avery motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Grand Master or any Brother shall desire it.

14. After a motion is stated by the Grand Master, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Grand Lodge; but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

15. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to amend it, to commit it, or postpone it, for the previous question, or to adjourn.

16. The previous question being moved and seconded, the question shall be—"Shall the main question now be put?" and if the nays prevail, the main question shall not be put.

17. On a previous question, no member shall speak more than once without leave.

18. A motion for adjournment, to a time not longer than one day, shall always be in order, and be decided without debate; but all other motions for adjournment may be debated as in other cases.

19. Any member may call for a division of a question, where the sense will admit of it.

20. Motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

21. A motion for amendment until decided, shall preclude all other amendments of the main question.

22. No motion which totally changes the subject matter on which the original motion was intended to operate, shall be admitted under color of amendment as a substitute of the main question.

23. No member except one of the majority which decided a question, shall be permitted to move for a reconsideration of such question.

LIST OF GRAND MASTERS

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, IN 1817, TO 1845 INCLUSIVE.—COMPILED FROM THE ORIGINAL RECORDS.

1st—1817. ALEXANDER BUCKNER, of Charlestown, Chairman of the Convention which met at Corydon, Dec. 3d. He was born about the year 1788, in Virginia or Kentucky, but raised in the latter State, from which he removed to Charlestown, Indiana. He was a Lawyer, and actively engaged in his profession. He removed to Missouri at an early day, and was elected to the Senate of the United States for six years, during which period he died of cholera. He was made a Mason in either Clark or Abraham Lodge, Louisville, Ky.

2d—1818. Same; elected the first Grand Master at the organization of the Grand Lodge.

3d—1819. ALEXANDER A. MEEK, of Madison. Born in Ireland; from whence he emigrated with his parents, when quite young, and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio. He studied Law, first with Ethan Stone, Esq., and then with Arthur St. Clair (son of Gen. St. Clair). During the war of 1812, he served as Lieutenant in the regular army of the United States. After the war, he married and settled in Madison, Indiana, and engaged in the practice of his Profession. In 1817, he formed a partnership with Maj. Henry P. Thornton, who had just removed from Bourbon county, Ky.; which partnership continued for several years. He was afterward elected Brig. General in the Militia, and appointed his partner, Maj. Thornton, his Brigade Inspector. On the admission of Indiana into the Union, Gen. MEEK was appointed by President Madison, United States' Attorney for the First District; in which he served until his death, in 1821. Brother MEEK was made a Mason in N. C. Harmony Lodge, Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 3d, 1808. He died about the year 1821 or 1822, but of his age we are not informed. One who knew him well, says—"He was a well trained and successful Lawyer; a noble, generous, chivalrous man, and possessed of the characteristic warm-heartedness of his native Isle."

4th—1820. JOHN TIPTON. He was born in East Tennessee, and was related to the gallant Pioneer of the same name, who was so distinguished in the early settlement of that country. He emigrated while young to Indiana, then a Territory, and settled in Harrison county. He entered Gen. Harrison's army at the opening of the campaign, a private; was acting Ensign at the battle of Tippecanoe, where every officer of his company

above him was slain, and he fought most of the battle in command of the company. He was immediately afterward elected Captain. He was subsequently Sheriff of Harrison county, member of the State Legislature, Indian Agent, and finally, in 1831, United States' Senator; which office he held up to 1839, when he declined a re-election. He returned home a few weeks before the expiration of his office, and died in April of that year. Brother TIPTON was made a Mason in the Lodge at Corydon, Ind. He was elected Grand Master in 1820, and again in 1828.

5th—1821. JOHN SHEETS, of Madison. Since deceased. The Editor can get no particulars concerning him.

6th—1822. JOHN SHEETS. Re-elected.

7th—1823. JONATHAN JENNINGS, of Corydon. He was born in Maryland; but when quite young removed to Eastern Ohio or Western Pennsylvania, and soon afterward to Indiana Territory. He was soon elected Delegate to the Congress of the United States, in which he served several years, and until the Territory was organized into a State, when he was elected its first Governor. He subsequently served again in Congress. He was a delegate in the Grand Lodge, from the Lodge at Corydon; but we have not been able to ascertain where he was initiated. He died in 1833.

8th—1824. JONATHAN JENNINGS. Re-elected.

9th—1825. MARSTON G. CLARK, of Salem. He was born in Virginia, about the year 1774, and settled, when quite young, near Louisville, Ky.; and afterward removed to Indiana. His father was a brother or near relative to Gen. George Rogers Clark, the "Hannibal of the West," and was one of twenty-six children by the same father. He was at the battle of Tippecanoe, on the 7th of November, 1811, as aid to Gen. Harrison, in which his bravery was distinguished. He afterward served in the Legislature, as Indian Agent, and Major General in the Militia. He died at Salem, in 1842. He was an honest man, generous, benevolent, and true to his friends: his bravery was proverbial.

10th—1826. ISAAC HOWK, of Charlestown. We can get no information concerning this Brother, save that he was a zealous Mason and an efficient officer. He died at Indianapolis, May 24th, 1833

11th—1827. ELIHU STOUT, of Vincennes. He was from Kentucky or Virginia, but settled at Vincennes at an early day. He published one of the first (if not *the* first) newspaper in the State (*Vincennes Sun*), and continued it for many years. He died at Vincennes, June 23d, 1860, aged about seventy-eight years.

12th—1828. JOHN TIPTON, of Logansport. (*See No. 4th.*)

13th—1829. ABEL C. PEPPER, of Rising Sun. Born in Shenandoah county, Va., in 1793; was made a Mason in Lawrenceburg Lodge, No. 4, in 1816, the same year that he emigrated to the State and settled in Rising Sun. He filled several prominent offices of trust under the State and Nation; and died in Rising Sun, March 20th, 1860. Col. PEPPER was a high-toned, generous, brave man; proverbial for his honesty, and of blameless life. "None knew him but to love him."

14th—1830. PHILIP MASON, of Connersville. He still resides in that place, venerable in years and beloved for his virtues; an ardent Mason and an honest man. He had the honor of serving as Grand Master more years than any other man previous to 1845; and during the stormiest days of anti-masonry. During it all, his faith never faltered, nor did his zeal abate. He is still an active Mason.

15th—1831. WILLIAM SHEETS, of Madison. He still lives, and now resides in Indianapolis, an active business man and highly respected citizen. He took an active part in, and was one of the Commissioners for the erection of the Grand Masonic Hall in that City. His attachment to the Order has not weakened with advancing years.

16th—1832. WOODBRIDGE PARKER, of Salem. He was born in Essex county, Mass., on the 12th of July, 1796. He was trained to the business of a boot and shoe maker, and removed to the West soon after his majority. He first settled in Charlestown, Ind., but afterward removed to Salem, and engaged in mercantile pursuits for many years. Subsequently he located in New Albany, where he died on the 5th of March, 1842. He married Harriet M., second daughter of Maj. Henry P. Thornton, a delegate to the Convention which organized the Grand Lodge, and the first elected Grand Secretary. Brother PARKER served in the Legislature of Indiana, and was, in every respect, a highly respectable citizen. He was distinguished as an able and accurate Masonic Lecturer.

17th—1833. PHILIP MASON, of Connersville. (*See No. 14th.*)

18th—1834. DANIEL KELSO, of Switzerland county. Died a few years since.

19th—1835. JOHN B. MARTIN, of Vincennes. We can ascertain nothing of the history of this distinguished Mason, save that he was a well informed and diligent Craftsman, and a highly respectable citizen. He died at Vincennes, Dec. 8th, 1848.

20th—1836. JAMES L. HOGIN, of Indianapolis. Now resides in Sigourney, Iowa; and has been Grand Master of Masons in that State since his residence there. Brother HOGIN is a man of much moral worth;

has been a member of the Legislature of Iowa; and of unimpeachable character.

21st—1837. CALEB B. SMITH, of Connersville. Now a citizen of Indianapolis, and Secretary of the Interior in President Lincoln's Cabinet.

22d—1838. PHILIP MASON, of Connersville. (*See No.* 14*th.*)

23d—1839. Same.

24th—1840. Same.

25th—1841. Same.

26th—1842. Same.

27th—1843. Same.

28th—1844. Same.

29th—1845. ISAAC BARTLETT, of Logansport. He still resides in that City; is a much respected citizen, and ardently attached to the Institution. While an active member of the Grand Lodge, he had few superiors in Masonic intelligence, active zeal and usefulness.

LIST OF GRAND SECRETARIES

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA.

1817.—DAVIS FLOYD, of Corydon. Secretary of the Convention.
1818.—HENRY P. THORNTON. of Madison.
1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824 and 1825.—WM. C. KEEN, of Vevay.
1826, 1827, 1828 and 1829.—JAMES F. D. LANIER, of Madison.
1830, 1831, 1832, 1833 and 1834.—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, of Indianapolis.
1835 and 1836.—DANIEL KELSO, of York, Switzerland county.
1837.—A. W. HARRISON, of Indianapolis.
1838.—CHARLES FISHER, of Indianapolis.
1839 and 1840.—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, of Indianapolis.
1841.—WILLIAM H. MARTIN, of Rushville.
1842, 1843, 1844 and 1845.—AUSTIN W. MORRIS, of Indianapolis.

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